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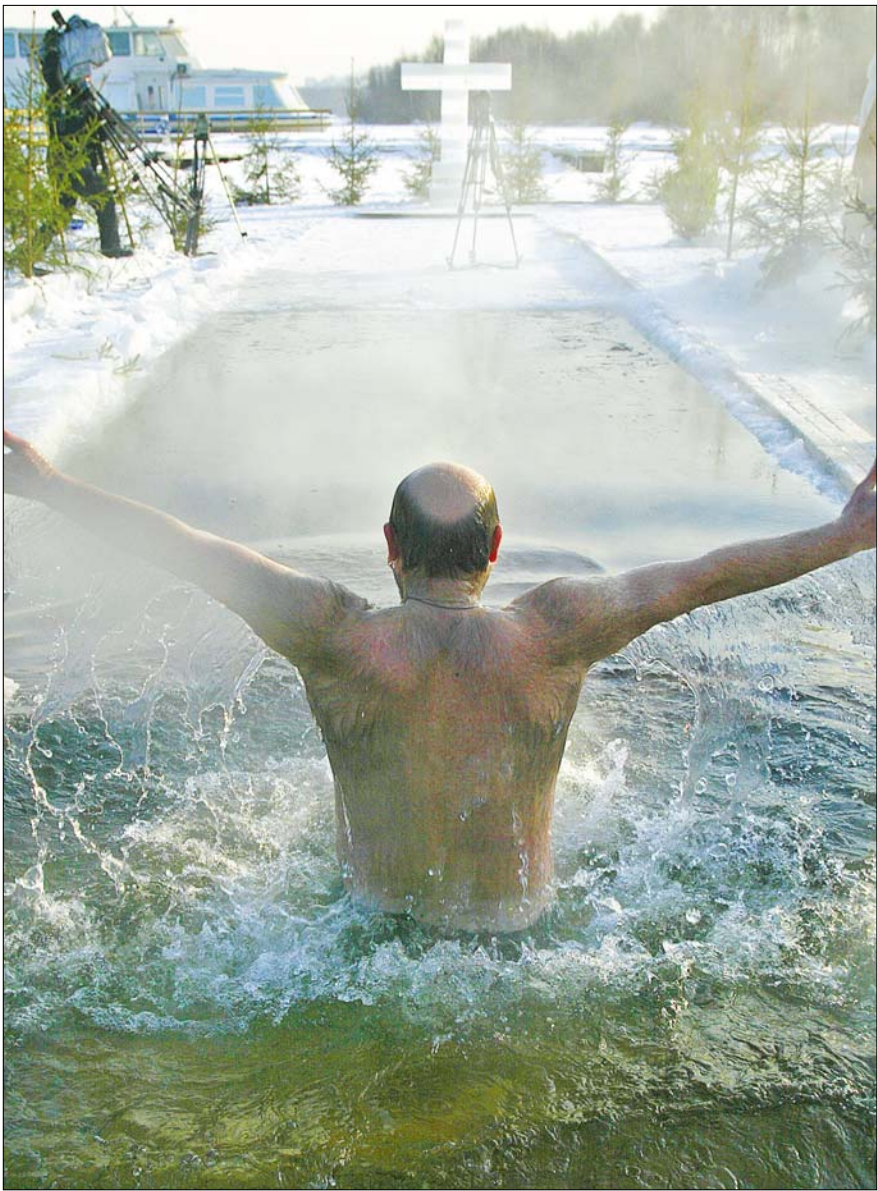


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Frigid Ritual in Russia

THE PLUNGE: A man dives in a river near Moscow on Wednesday to mark the eve of the Russian Orthodox holiday of the Epiphany, which tradition says ushers in a cold period known as the Epiphany Frosts. Temperatures so frigid that even winter-hardened Russians complained gripped Moscow for a third day Wednesday. By early Thursday, the cold was expected to reach minus-31 or even lower. At least two dozen people reportedly have died of exposure nationwide.

DRIVE-THRU | Out of Order A Clermont, Fla., man was arrested on drug charges after he fell asleep at the wheel in a Wendy's drive-thru lane. When police arrived and woke him up, a startled Richard Sibila III told them he wanted "five double-



cheeseburgers and a Frosty," police said. Officers gave him a sobriety test and searched his car, finding cocaine and marijuana. It was unknown if the marijuana and desire for five double-cheeseburgers were related. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

Report: Al Qaeda Target Hit

Master bomb maker may have died in Pakistan strike

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | Pakistani intelligence agents hunted Wednesday for the graves of four al Qaeda militants believed killed in an airstrike near the Afghan border — including one authorities suspect was a high-ranking al Qaeda figure.

ABC News reported that a master bomb maker and chemical weapons expert for al Qaeda was killed in the attack on the village of Damadola last week. He was identified as Midhat Mursi, also known as Abu Khabab al-Masri, who ran an al Qaeda training camp and has a \$5 million reward on his head.



Mursi

According to ABC, Pakistani officials also said two other terror network officials were killed: Khalid Habib, the al Qaeda operations chief for Pakistan and Afghanistan; and Abdul Rehman al Magrabi, a senior operations commander for the group.

Pentagon officials said they had no information on the report. A Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities still did not know the names of the dead foreign militants but suspect one was a ranking al Qaeda figure.

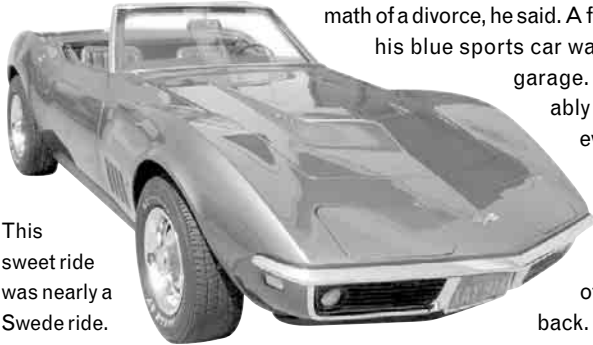
Pakistani Interior Minister Aftab Sherpao told The Associated Press the government does not know the identities of the foreigners believed killed in the missile strike Friday, which officials have said targeted Osama bin Laden's top aide, Ayman al-Zawahri. (AP)

eyeOpeners

HAPPY RETURNS

Forever in Your 'Vette

Thirty-seven years after his sports car was stolen, a man in California is getting it back. The 1968 Corvette was about to be shipped to a buyer in Sweden when U.S. Customs officials running a routine check on its vehicle identification number found it was stolen in 1969 in New York. Alan Poster had bought the car as an indulgence in late 1968 in the aftermath of a divorce, he said. A few months later, his blue sports car was stolen from a garage. "[It was] probably the only car I've ever really loved," Poster said. He said he had long ago given up hope of getting his car back. (AP)



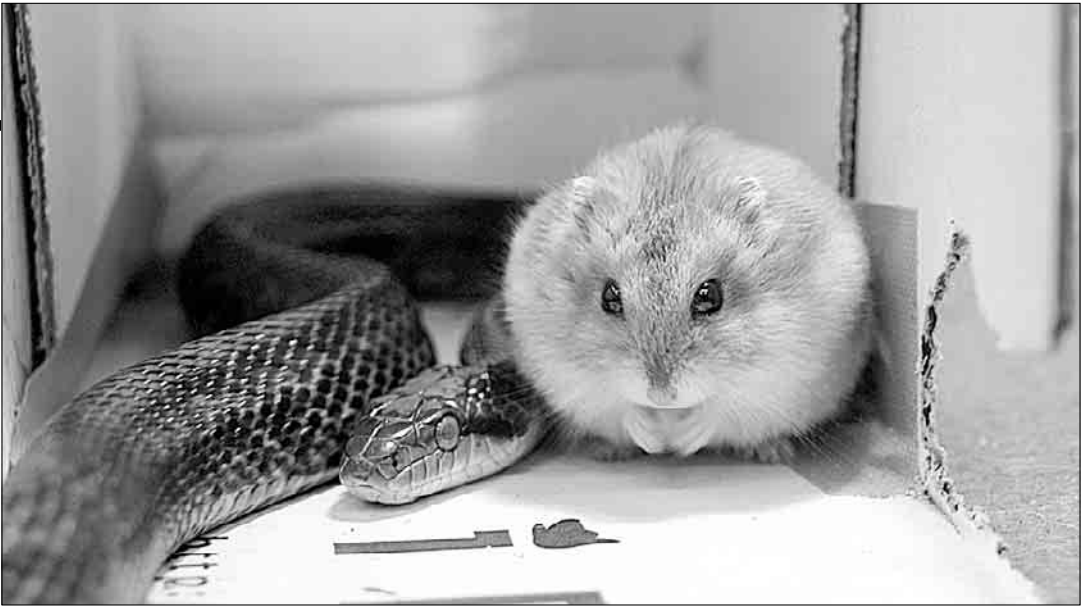
This sweet ride was nearly a Swede ride.

CARICATURES

Suspect is 6-1, With a Monstrously Big Head

Bill Green of Melbourne, Australia, provided police a fairly comprehensive — and humorous — description of the man who burgled his house Sunday. That's because Green is a professional caricaturist, the Age reported. After

the theft, Green sketched out a drawing for officials in seconds, and authorities caught the man 15 minutes later. Green said he had ran outside when he heard someone in his backyard. The intruder pushed him aside and stole a bicycle. Police initially weren't interested in Green's offer to draw. "I thought (the drawing) might be a stick figure," one officer said. (EXPRESS)



KYOTA NOMURA/AP

MEALS

Lunch Buddies

Gohan and Aochan make strange bedfellows: one's a 3-inch dwarf hamster, the other is a 3-foot rat snake. Zookeepers at the Mutsugoro Okoku zoo in Tokyo presented the hamster — whose name means "meal" in Japanese — to Aochan as a tasty morsel in October, after the snake refused to eat frozen mice. But instead of indulging, Aochan decided to make friends with the furry rodent. The pair have shared a cage since. "I've never seen anything like it. Gohan sometimes even climbs onto Aochan to take a nap on his back," keeper Kazuya Yamamoto said. (AP)

TEST AND RELAXATION

Post-Delivery Exam

A Houston firefighter took a promotion exam just 12 hours after she gave birth because of a state law requiring all promotion candidates to be tested at once. Beda Kent gave birth Jan. 10,

slept for a little more than two hours, popped some painkillers and braced herself to take the exam. She scored 104 out of 110 and expects to return from maternity leave in March as a captain. "It was uncomfortable," Kent said. "I had my Motrin — thank God — but that only lasts for so long." (AP)



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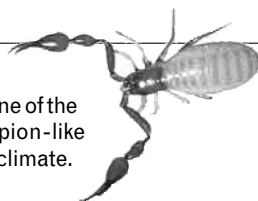
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BRAND-NEW BUGS: This pseudo-scorpion, found in Sequoia National Park, Calif., is one of the 27 new animal species biologists have discovered in central California caves. The scorpion-like critters can tell scientists about environmental changes because of their sensitivity to climate.



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In Brief

OKLAHOMA CITY Witness in Oklahoma City Bombing Case to be Freed

Michael Fortier, the prosecution's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing trials, will be freed this week, more than a year before his sentence was scheduled to end. As part of his deal with prosecutors, Fortier testified against bombing conspirators Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. (AP)



Fortier

MILWAUKEE

Police: Motorist Beating by Teen Gang Was Drug Deal

Civic leaders were outraged and heartsick for their city last month when police reported that a motorist had been dragged from his car and beaten senseless by a gang of youths after he honked at them to move out of the street. Days later, he was quoted in court records as saying he was trying to buy crack and the beating was a drug deal gone bad, police officials say. (AP)

A Strike Against AIDS

→ Two drug companies have put aside their commercial rivalry to achieve a lofty goal: a single-pill, once-a-day treatment for the AIDS virus. | **Today, Page A1**

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Supreme Court Sidesteps Abortion

Justices send parental notification measure back to lower courts

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court gave New Hampshire a chance to salvage its restrictions on abortion Wednesday, sidestepping for now an emotional subject that is likely to be revisited when a new justice joins the court.

New Hampshire's victory may be short-lived because the justices ordered a lower court to consider how to fix problems with the 2003

law requiring a parent to be told before a minor daughter ends her pregnancy.

The 9-0 decision reaffirmed that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions and that state restrictions must have an exception to protect the mother's health. It also gave states new ammunition in defending restrictions on the procedure.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the decision, most likely the final one of her 24-year career. O'Connor, a key swing voter at the court on abortion rights, cap-

ital punishment and other issues, is retiring and will step down soon if the Senate confirms nominee Samuel Alito.



O'Connor

The ruling broke little new ground. However, justices said that lower courts in addressing flaws in abortion laws do not have to take the "most blunt remedy," striking down an entire law. Instead, the justices said that other "modest" options are available.

"In the case that is before us ... the lower courts need not have invalidated the law wholesale," O'Connor wrote.

New Hampshire is one of 44 states that require parental notice or permission before abortions on minors. The law, which says abortion providers must notify at least one parent 48 hours before performing an abortion on a minor, had been challenged by abortion clinics.

The Supreme Court agreed the law is too restrictive because it leaves no room for medical emergencies.

GINA HOLLAND (AP)

WASHINGTON | PROTESTING A LANDMARK DECISION



STEVE BLOOM/AP

RALLY AGAINST ROE: Maria Gueco, left, and Maribel Santos, join an anti-abortion demonstration on the Capitol steps Wednesday in Olympia, Wash., before Sunday's anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Surviving Miner Awakening From Coma

MORGANTOWN, W.VA | Sago Mines survivor Randal McCloy Jr. appears to be awakening from his coma, and his improving condition may allow him to be transferred to a rehabilitation center within a few weeks.

McCloy, 26, has been breathing on

his own for days and is opening his eyes, said Dr. Julian Bailes of West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital, adding that he "is responding to his family in slight ways."

Bailes said doctors now consider McCloy to be in a "light coma." (AP)

Democrats Push Lobbying Reforms

WASHINGTON | Congressional Democrats urged a ban on all gifts and travel paid for by lobbyists Wednesday, aiming to seize an issue for the fall elections and taking a shot at Republicans they say have sullied Congress' reputation with Americans.

The Democratic proposal came

a day after Republicans outlined their own ethics legislation on lobbying.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal prompted both parties' proposals could be attributed to "Republican sins and Republican sins alone." (AP)



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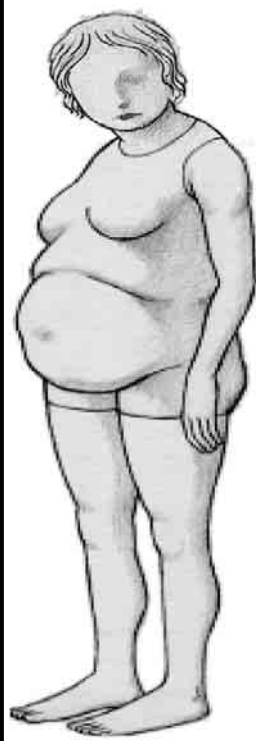
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Number of people still unaccounted for after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in August. One call center initially received 11,500 reports of missing persons.



IMMOBILIZED: Recovery workers try to remove an 18-wheel tractor trailer from New Jersey that was blown over by high wind on the eastbound span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge in Newburgh, N.Y., on Wednesday, closing the roadway to all traffic.

Winds Lash New England

Gusts disrupt travel, leave 200,000 without power in N.Y., Conn.

NEW YORK | Wind gusting up to 68 mph wreaked havoc for commuters across the Northeast on Wednesday, blowing debris across railroad tracks, overturning tractor-trailers and making for choppy ferry rides.

More than 275,000 homes and

businesses across the region lost power, and several airports reported morning delays.

The wind was blamed for at least one death, a 52-year-old man killed just north of New York City when a tree fell on his car.

Two tractor-trailers overturned during the morning commute, shutting down the Tappan Zee and George Washington bridges in New York.

The storm knocked out power to homes and businesses in several states: at least 94,000 in Connecticut; more than 50,000 in New Jersey; over 35,000 in the Philadelphia area; some 18,000 in New York; and about 3,700 in Rhode Island. In New Hampshire, a double whammy of freezing rain and high wind delayed school openings and left about 6,600 without power.

BETH FOUHY (AP)

Pair Jailed in Chili Scam

Nev. couple sentenced for severed-finger ploy at Wendy's restaurant

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | A couple who planted a severed finger in a bowl of Wendy's chili in a scheme to extort money from the fast-food chain were sentenced Wednesday to prison terms of at least nine years.

Anna Ayala, 40, who said she bit into the digit, was sentenced to nine years. Her husband, Jaime Plascencia, 44, who obtained the finger from a co-worker who lost it in a workplace accident, was sentenced to more than 12 years.

The two pleaded guilty in



Anna Ayala is escorted into court in San Jose Wednesday for sentencing.

September to conspiracy to file a false insurance claim and attempted grand theft with damages exceeding \$2.5 million.

KIM CURTIS (AP)

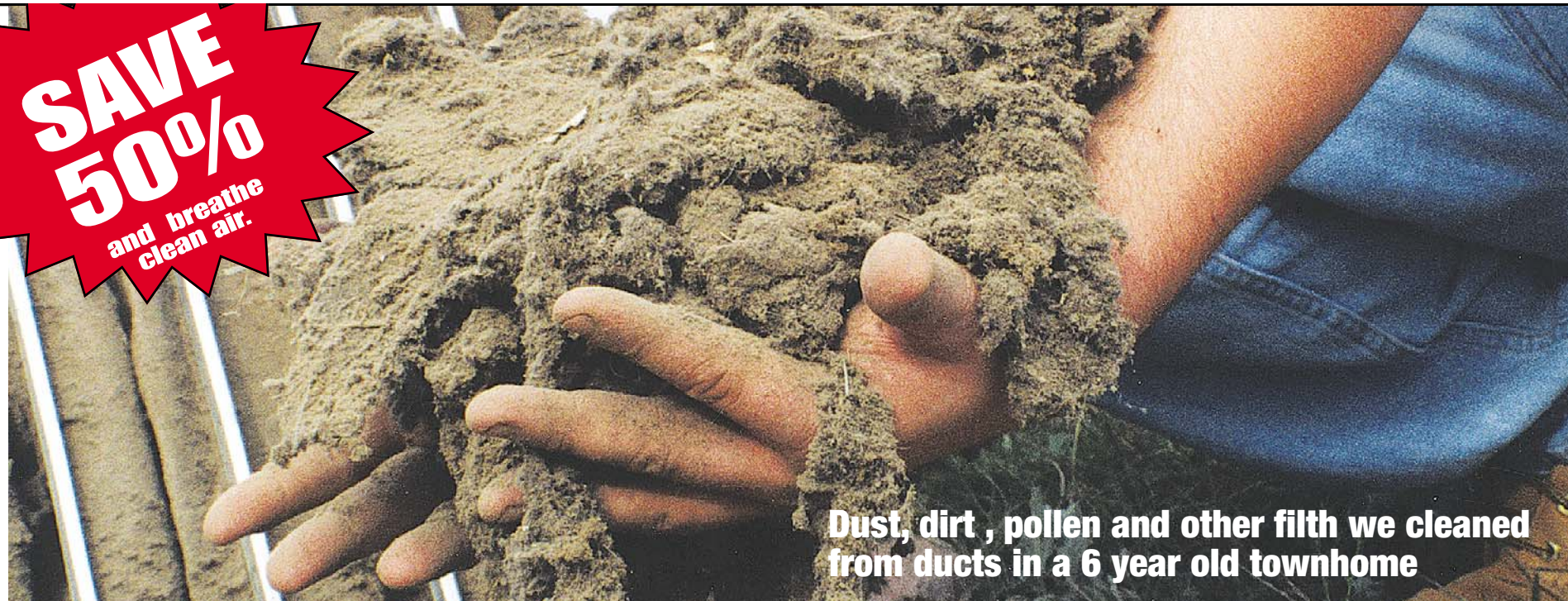
Cooler Problem Shuts Down Ariz. Nuclear Plant

PHOENIX | A reactor at the nation's largest nuclear power plant has been shut down because of a growing vibration in a coolant pipe.

Arizona Public Service Co. had been operating the reactor, one of three at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, at about one-third of capacity because of vibration, but operators decided to shut it down Tuesday after the vibration rose above acceptable levels.

The unit could be restarted within two days, said Jim McDonald, a spokesman for Arizona Public. (AP)

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World

GOOGLE'S RULE: A survey of Chinese Web surfers found search giant Google in an unexpectedly strong position to challenge domestic rival Baidu.com. Google came in first in 11 of 13 categories in the poll of 1,200 Internet users.



Chinese TV showed China's Hu Jintao, left, with North Korea's Kim Jong Il.

Kim Backs Resolving Nuke Rift

BEIJING | North Korean leader Kim Jong Il said he wants a peaceful settlement to the dispute over the North's nuclear program as he wrapped up a visit to China on Wednesday amid a flurry of diplomacy aimed at restarting disarmament talks.

After Kim's departure, the U.S. envoy to the six-nation talks made a surprise visit to Beijing that reportedly included a meeting with his North Korean counterpart.

There was no immediate indication that Kim promised to return to the talks, despite prodding from Chinese President Hu Jintao, who called them the "correct choice" for resolving the dispute.

Kim told Hu that North Korea was committed to a joint statement issued at talks in September and to "pursuing a negotiated peaceful settlement," the North's official news agency reported. JOE McDONALD (AP)

Dozens Die in Attacks Across Iraq

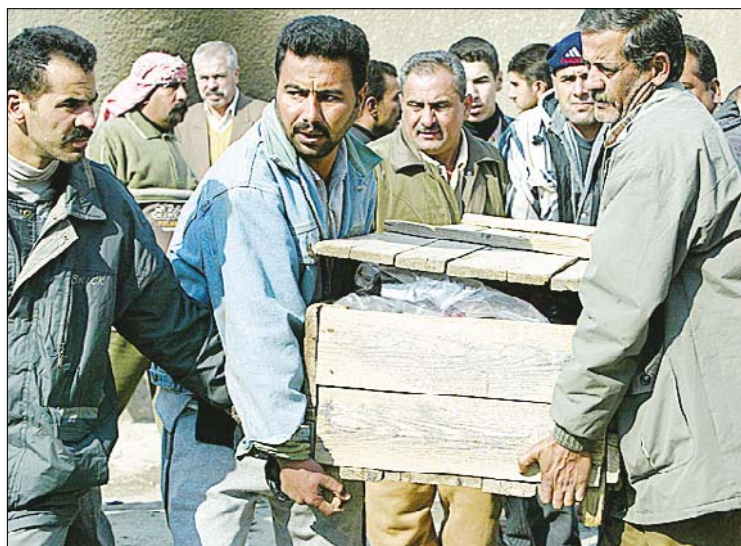
2 U.S. civilians among casualties in new wave of shootings, bombings

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A surge in violence across the country killed scores of Iraqis and two American civilians Wednesday, as police said militants used this week's downing of a U.S. helicopter to carve out a killing field north of Baghdad.

The increased bloodshed came as kidnappers freed the sister of Iraq's Interior Minister after holding her hostage for two weeks, and Iraqi officials expressed hope that American hostage Jill Carroll would eventually be released.

In the most gruesome development, insurgents manning makeshift checkpoints killed about 30 people execution-style and dumped their bodies in farmland north of Baghdad, police said.

Police and eyewitnesses said



BLOODSHED: Men carry the coffin of a victim of an ambush in Baghdad Wednesday.

since Monday's crash of a U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopter that killed its two pilots near Mishahda, 25 miles north of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces cordoned off a large section of the main road near Dujail.

That forced Iraqis onto the remote, unpaved roads.

More than a dozen other Iraqis

died Wednesday in attacks linked to the insurgency.

The killings marked an increase in violence as authorities prepare to announce the results this week of the Dec. 15 election.

In the boldest attack, gunmen opened fire on a convoy of the mobile telephone company Iraqna, killing six security guards and three drivers in the Nafaq al-Shurta district of western Baghdad.

Naguib Sawiris, chairman of the Egyptian firm that controls Iraqna, said two engineers from Kenya were seized by the attackers.

The two U.S. civilians were killed in a roadside bombing in Basra. They worked for U.S.-based DynCorp and were training Iraqi police. A third American was wounded in the attack, the U.S. Embassy said. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

HEARSAY | EXITS

"There is a political program ... and if I feel I can't implement it, then staying in my chair is not the ultimate goal."

—PALESTINIAN LEADER MAHMOUD ABBAS SAYING WEDNESDAY THAT HE MAY CONSIDER RESIGNING IF HE IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT HIS PEACE AGENDA AFTER THE PALESTINIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION ON JAN. 25.

Europe Rejects New Talks With Iran

PARIS | Europe and the United States dismissed the possibility of talks with Iran on its nuclear program, cranking up international pressure on Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment.

Until Iran halts nuclear activity, "there's not much to talk about," U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday. Iran's president, meanwhile, accused the West of acting like the "lord of the world"



Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the West was acting like "lord of the world."

in denying Tehran the peaceful use of the atom.

The quick rejection of Iran's request for a meeting with European negotiators focused attention on the next step: the push to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions.

In Vienna, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, announced Wednesday that a special meeting of its board of governors would be held Feb. 2 to discuss Iran. (AP)

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DOG DAZE: Every dog has its day, and many will have theirs in the Year of the Dog as Malaysian Chinese snatch up good luck puppies. Local media reports that pet stores are reeling from a rush to buy puppies for the Year of the Dog, which begins on Jan. 29.

World

In Brief

LONDON

Fathers' Group to Disband Over Threat to Blair's Son

A fathers' rights group known for breaching government security said Wednesday it was disbanding after a newspaper reported that some of its extremist members plotted to kidnap Prime Minister Tony Blair's 5-year-old son. The Sun newspaper reported Wednesday that extremist sympathizers of the group Fathers 4 Justice were hatching a plan to abduct Leo Blair and hold him for a short period to publicize the misery of fathers denied access to their children. (AP)



First lady Laura Bush meets with a women's association in Abuja, Nigeria.

ABUJA, NIGERIA

Bush Reaffirms U.S. Vow to Help Africa Fight HIV/AIDS

First lady Laura Bush on Wednesday reaffirmed U.S. commitment to help Nigeria treat AIDS patients and stem the spread of HIV, saying she hoped that "one day an entire generation" will be free of the disease that has ravaged Africa. The first lady, winding up her four-day swing through Western Africa, highlighted the \$163 million in U.S. assistance that Nigeria will receive in 2006 to fight AIDS. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Sharon Remains Stable, Has Surgery for Breathing Tube

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had surgery overnight to replace his breathing tube, the hospital where he is being treated said in a statement Wednesday. Sharon, who has been in a coma since suffering a stroke Jan. 4, remains in critical but stable condition, the statement from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital said. (AP)



SYSTEM OVERLOAD: A man posts a newspaper trumpeting the Tokyo Stock Exchange closure in Fukuoka, Japan, Wednesday.

Rush Shuts Tokyo Trading

Selling panic over business scandal forces stock exchange to close

TOKYO | Japanese stocks plunged for a second day on Wednesday, bringing the market's two-day loss to almost 6 percent as the exchange halted trading early amid investor jitters about a widening criminal investigation of Internet startup Livedoor Co.

The sell-off was so heavy that the Tokyo Stock Exchange pre-emptive-

ly closed trading 20 minutes early so as to avoid overwhelming its computerized trading system — the first time the bourse has shut down early for capacity reasons.

"Individual and foreign investors are selling in a panic," said Satoru Otsuka, senior economist at Mizuho Research Institute in Tokyo. "The problem is that we have no idea how the Livedoor problem will unfold."

The so-called "Livedoor shock," as dubbed by the Japanese media, started Monday evening when

Tokyo prosecutors raided the company's offices to investigate allegations the company had violated securities laws.

Media reports Wednesday said the probe had expanded, with the Yomiuri newspaper reporting that Livedoor is suspected of concealing an \$8.7 million loss for the full-year results ending September 2004.

The reports clearly spooked investors, some of whom may have simply been looking for an excuse to sell after the market's 40 percent gain last year. YURI KAGEYAM (AP)

Funding to Fight Bird Flu Jumps

Donors pledge \$1.9B to combat avian virus, prepare for pandemic

BEIJING | After a year of unprecedented appeals for money to cope with the Asian tsunami and the South Asia earthquake, the world dug deeper Wednesday, pledging \$1.9 billion to fight bird flu and prepare for a potential pandemic.

The U.S. alone came up with \$334 million that will largely be used to help poor countries in Southeast Asia, where the H5N1 bird flu virus is endemic. The European Union pledged another \$261 million.

As the two-day donors conference wrapped up in Beijing, participants were again reminded of the ongoing risk as China reported its sixth human death.

The World Bank had estimated \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion would be needed to prepare for a potential global pandemic and to fight the bird flu virus.

Experts worry the virus could mutate into a form easily spread from person to person, possibly sparking a global pandemic that kills millions. So far, human cases have been traced to contact with sick birds. MARGIE MASON (AP)

BRITAIN | CHILD CARE



BONDING: A newborn Rothschild giraffe calf sticks close by her mother at a safari park in Woburn, England, Wednesday.

Ivorian Leader Urges End to Protests

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST | President Laurent Gbagbo on Wednesday called on his supporters to end days of violent street protests that have roiled Ivory Coast's government-held south, telling protesters to go home and asking fearful workers to return their jobs.

Gbagbo's statement came after he met with top U.N. officials in a bid to end three days of violent demonstrations targeting U.N. peacekeepers in Ivory Coast, still split between government- and rebel-held zones despite peace deals to end the 2002-2003 civil war.



Four people were reported killed in violence tied to the protests Wednesday.

The unrest first erupted on Monday after a U.N.-backed mediation group recommended that parliament's expired mandate

not be renewed. The parliament, filled with Gbagbo's supporters, is viewed as his last bastion of power and the decision angered many of the president's backers.

In Wednesday's violence, Bangladeshi troops in Guiglo exchanged fire with attackers trying to enter their compound before evacuating all U.N. employees from the town, U.N. military observer Capt. Gilles Combarieu said.

U.N. force spokeswoman Margherita Amodeo said four people were killed in the gun fight, adding they were not U.N. staff. (AP)



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Local

Study of a Wider I-66 Is Approved

3 sections of highway through Arlington eyed for a third lane

WASHINGTON | Traffic moving, or at least hoping to move, west through Arlington County on Interstate 66 will get a closer look.

The region's Transportation Planning Board approved a plan Wednesday that will give Virginia the go-ahead to spend around \$10 million on a more in-depth study to make spot improvements on the often-packed highway.

"I felt supported that the board saw the need to continue the study of the spot improvement," said Dennis Morrison, the Virginia Department of Transportation's district administrator for Northern Virginia.

These spots "are bottlenecks, and we think we can enhance the movements westbound by addressing these bottlenecks."

The study will look at three sections of I-66 between the Rosslyn

Tunnel and the access road to Dulles Airport, where the highway can be widened to three lanes. But the idea of spot improvements does not sit well with some Arlington residents and transportation groups, who called the concept a "de facto" third lane and want VDOT to explore other options.

"VDOT's goal is to expeditiously add an unwarranted lane to I-66," Allen Muchnick, president of the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation, told the board.

While Morrison said he understands the concerns about the spot improvements, there is more to the decision than whether or not to make the road wider.

"It's a very complex issue, and people say bus and Metro is going to solve the problem," Morrison said. But he noted that during peak hours "Metro is running full. Where are you going to station all these buses and parking to get these people, not knowing their destinations, to get them in?" ASHTON WILLIAMS (AP)

Cherry May End Up As D.C.'s Official Fruit

Cropp thinks choice favored by students fits into city's 'theme'

WASHINGTON | New York has the apple, Florida has the orange and soon D.C. could have the cherry as its official fruit.

With the nation's capital lacking a designated fruit, a group of students from Bowen Elementary School in Southwest Washington made their pitch at a D.C. Council hearing Wednesday.

The students said the cherry was the obvious and unanimous choice, as it has links to Washington.

Council Chair Linda Cropp, D-At Large, said she never really thought about an official fruit until she got the children's letter. As for

the choice of the cherry, she thinks the kids are probably right.

"It does fit right in to the theme for Washington," Cropp said.



Cropp

"We have a cherry blossom festival every year and it was a cherry tree that George Washington chopped down in a famous story from his youth," said Marcus Parker, 11, a fifth grader at Bowen.

Twenty-six states have an official fruit. The apple is the most common, with five states designating it their state fruit.

The D.C. Council must still vote on the fruit resolution measure.

MYRA LOPEZ (AP)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Ehrlich's \$8.4M Campaign War Chest Bests Democrats

Gov. Robert Ehrlich raised \$4.9 million last year and has \$8.4 million in his campaign treasury as he enters the final year of his term as governor and prepares for the November gubernatorial election. Ehrlich's cash on hand is about double the amount of one



Ehrlich

of his Democratic challengers, Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, but O'Malley almost matched the governor dollar for dollar during 2005, raising about \$4.3 million, according to his campaign. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Alleged Ecstasy Seller Convicted In Sub Shop Death

A drug dealer who prosecutors say routinely went from Maryland to Virginia to sell ecstasy was convicted Wednesday on several counts in a Springfield killing. James Erby faces a possible life sentence when he's sentenced in April. Prosecutors said Erby killed a man outside a Subway restaurant near the Springfield Mall in December 2004. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Metro's Riders' Advisory Council Holds 1st Meeting

Metro's first-ever Riders' Advisory Council meeting was held Wednesday night at Metro headquarters. The council, made up of 21 riders, was to meet with Metro board members and agency managers and were to discuss the body's bylaws and rules. (AP)

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Local

IN The Washington Post | MOURNING A CLASSMATE



STUNNED: Kayla Lemmon is in shock after news broke that her Loudoun Valley High School cheerleading teammate, 15-year-old Shelby Huck, was killed in a high-speed chase with sheriff's deputies early Tuesday morning. The events surrounding the crash are still in question. | **Today in Metro**

Williams Orders Probe Into Journalist's Death

Emergency response to dying NW man has been highly criticized

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams on Wednesday ordered an independent investigation into the emergency response to this month's fatal attack on recently retired New York Times journalist David Rosenbaum.

The order came as the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department announced procedural changes designed to cut response

times. The changes were a reaction to an internal investigation of the response in the Rosenbaum case, said Alan Etter, a department spokesman.

Rosenbaum, 63, was beaten and robbed Jan. 6 on Gramercy Street NW near his home in a normally quiet upscale neighborhood.

It took an ambulance 23 minutes to get to the scene, in part because it was dispatched from Providence Hospital, six miles away.

The departmental probe found that there was no closer unit available. MARTY NILAND (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Jan. 18

| DISTRICT | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mid-day Lucky Numbers | 9-7-1 |
| Evening Lucky Numbers | 3-0-4 |
| Mid-day DC 4 | 0-3-4-6 |
| Evening DC 4 | 4-0-8-4 |
| Rolling Cash Five | 02-08-01-21-23 |
| Daily 6 | 09-11-38-26-21-19 Bonus: 12 |

| MARYLAND | |
|----------------|---------|
| Mid-day Pick 3 | 2-1-1 |
| Evening Pick 3 | 1-6-2 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 | 0-8-2-0 |

Evening Pick 4 **0-6-1-9**
Match 5 **14-21-32-37-38 Bonus: 31**

| VIRGINIA | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.) | 8-6-4 |
| Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) | 3-7-7 |
| Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.) | 6-8-1-6 |
| Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) | 6-6-8-8 |
| Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.) | 04-08-16-20-29 |
| Evening Cash 5 (Tues.) | 05-11-12-13-34 |

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Money

Fuel Costs Drove Inflation in '05

Consumer prices rose by 3.4% last year; gas prices jumped 16.1%

WASHINGTON | Record prices for gasoline and other fuels sent inflation rising in 2005 at the fastest pace in five years, and hopes for a slower increase this year could be dashed if energy costs keep surging.

Consumer prices rose by 3.4 percent in 2005 with 40 percent of the increase blamed on the biggest jump in energy costs since 1990. Energy was up 17.1 percent this past year, reflecting high gasoline prices and crude oil prices that topped \$70 per barrel.

Earlier this week, crude oil prices surged to a 3 1/2-month high, reflecting worries about a standoff with Iran over its nuclear program and supply disruptions in Nigeria.

"Given the tightness of supply and demand, it isn't taking much

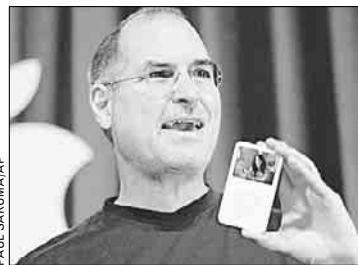
to push energy prices sharply higher," said Oscar Gonzalez of John Hancock Financial Services.

Overall inflation actually declined by 0.1 percent in December, an unexpectedly good performance, following an even bigger 0.6 percent drop in November.

That represented the first consecutive monthly declines in two years, but both months were heavily influenced by declines in gasoline and other fuels that are expected to be reversed in January.

The 3.4 percent rise in overall inflation for the 12 months ending in December was slightly higher than a 3.3 percent increase in 2004 and was the biggest advance since a similar 3.4 percent rise in 2000.

For 2005, gasoline prices were up 16.1 percent. Natural gas prices jumped by 30.2 percent and home heating oil was up 27.2 percent, increases that are being felt in higher heating bills this winter. (AP)



Apple Computer Inc. CEO Steve Jobs scored a big hit with the popular iPod.

Apple's Revenue Soars to \$5.75B In Last Quarter

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | Building on continued momentum of its iPod players, Apple Computer Inc. nearly doubled its net income on record revenue and easily topped Wall Street expectations.

For the three months that ended Dec. 31, the maker of Macintosh computers and iPods said Wednesday it earned \$565 million, or 65 cents per share, up from \$295 million, or 35 cents a share in the year-ago quarter. Apple revenues soared to \$5.75 billion.

"We are thrilled to report the best quarter in Apple's history," said Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive.

Apple said it sold 14 million iPods during the holiday quarter — nearly three times as many units as in the same period a year ago. (AP)



DRIVE TIME: Toyota aims to break new ground with a bilingual ad that will run during this year's Super Bowl. In the ad, a Hispanic father is driving his son in their new hybrid Toyota Camry. When the father explains how the hybrid car switches between gas and electric power, the son compares it to the way his father can switch between English and Spanish. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| EMJorg n | 13.22 | +2.79 | +26.7 |
| Marcus | 25.10 | +3.69 | +17.2 |
| EthanAl | 41.50 | +3.78 | +10.0 |
| KV PhB | 23.99 | +2.14 | +9.8 |
| KV PhA | 24.03 | +2.04 | +9.3 |

Losers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Nautilus | 13.91 | -4.62 | -24.9 |
| DanaCp If | 4.84 | -.56 | -10.4 |
| BKF Cap If | 15.84 | -1.16 | -6.8 |
| Gateway | 2.70 | -.17 | -5.9 |
| JapnEq | 8.65 | -.53 | -5.8 |

Rates

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Prime Rate | 7.25 | 7.25 |
| Fed Funds close | 4.25 | 4.25 |
| 3-month disc | 4.26 | 4.20 |
| 2-year | 4.33 | 4.43 |
| 10-year | 4.34 | 4.46 |
| 30-year | 4.51 | 4.64 |

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|-------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| MakMusc | 9.64 | +1.79 | +22.8 |
| IvanhoeEn | 2.88 | +.50 | +21.0 |
| Caraustar | 10.46 | +1.60 | +18.1 |
| IPIX Cp | 2.24 | +.30 | +15.5 |
| Stereotaxis | 13.35 | +1.72 | +14.8 |

Losers

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | DAILY PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Yahoo | 35.18 | -4.93 | -12.3 |
| Intel | 22.60 | -2.92 | -11.4 |
| AHPC Hid | 3.22 | -.40 | -11.0 |
| Channell | 4.09 | -.50 | -10.9 |
| Hittite n | 25.26 | -2.68 | -9.6 |

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

| | TODAY | PREVIOUS DAY | YEAR AGO |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| British Pound | .5676 | .5661 | .5357 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.1714 | 1.1634 | 1.2223 |
| European Euro | .8260 | .8268 | .7675 |
| Japanese Yen | 115.20 | 115.51 | 102.29 |
| Mexican Peso | 10.5480 | 10.5790 | 11.2450 |
| Taiwanese Dollar | 32.12 | 31.99 | 31.89 |

| DOW | NASDAQ | S&P 500 |
|----------|---------|---------|
| -41.46 | -23.05 | -5.00 |
| -0.38 | -1.00 | -0.39 |
| 10854.86 | 2279.64 | 1277.93 |

Bank Stocks

| STOCK | LAST | DAILY CHANGE | YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| AustNZ | 90.81 | -1.44 | +3.2 |
| BcoSnCH | 13.45 | -.11 | +2.0 |
| BkofAm | 45.26 | -.05 | -1.9 |
| BkNova g | 39.10 | -.44 | -1.3 |
| Citigrp | 48.36 | -.07 | -.4 |
| DeutschBk | 101.10 | -1.04 | +4.4 |
| JPMorgCh | 39.28 | -.43 | -1.0 |
| MitsuUFJ | 13.25 | -.11 | -3.2 |
| RoyalBk g | 77.44 | -1.00 | -.7 |
| TorDBk g | 51.89 | -.85 | -1.5 |
| UBS AG | 102.81 | -.88 | +8.1 |
| US Bancrp | 29.93 | -.10 | +1 |
| Wachovia | 53.62 | +.20 | +1.4 |
| WA Mutl | 44.40 | -.18 | +2.1 |
| WellsFrgo | 63.60 | +1.00 | +1.2 |



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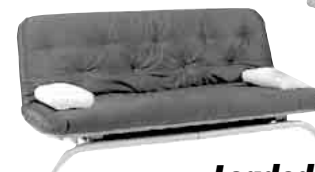
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Sports



ZIGGY DONE: Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Ziggy Palffy announced his retirement for personal reasons, a move that left the team without its second leading scorer and another question mark in a puzzling, disappointing season.

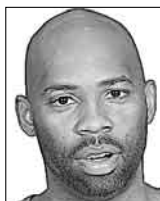
Wizards Buy Out Atkins

Disgruntled guard let go in midst of worst season of his career

WIZARDS | The Wizards granted point guard Chucky Atkins his wish Wednesday, buying out his contract and leaving him free to pursue other opportunities.

"He has been a real professional and this will allow him an opportunity to look for a situation that will give him the playing time that he desires," president of operations Ernie Grunfeld said.

Atkins had been acquired, along with small forward Caron Butler,



Atkins

in the offseason trade that sent Kwame Brown and Laron Profit to the Lakers. It had been hoped that Atkins, coming off the best season in his career — averaging 13.6 points a game — would provide veteran leadership and a sustained scoring threat from the point along with starter Gilbert Arenas.

Instead, Atkins is in the midst of his worst season, averaging only 6.7 points a game and shooting only 38 percent.

After Atkins expressed his unhappiness with his decreased playing time and asked for a trade, he remained inactive for many games as coach Eddie Jordan spread time among his younger players.

The move solidifies rookie Donell Taylor as the primary backup to Arenas. Jordan has been increasing Taylor's minutes in an effort to increase the team's pace of play. "Donell's quickness — that was enlightening, really enlightening," Jordan said. **CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)**



RUSSIAN DYNAMO: Ovechkin's goal Monday is the talk of the NHL. A judge Wednesday ruled he can't be forced back to Russia.

Judge: Ovechkin Can Stay With Caps

Rookie star's ex-team can't force forward to play in Russia again

CAPITALS | Two days after scoring the highlight goal of the NHL season, Alex Ovechkin learned that he will be allowed to stay in the league.

A judge ruled Wednesday that the Washington Capitals rookie sensation cannot be forced to return to Russia to play for his former team, Dynamo Moscow.

Dynamo wanted the court to enforce a Russian arbitrator's ruling that the team still owns the rights to the 20-year-old left wing. Ovechkin played three years for Dynamo before moving to another Russian club, Avangard Omsk. He then opted out of his 2005-06 contract with Avangard Omsk so he could join the Capitals.

Dynamo, however, contended that it had matched Avangard Omsk's offer to Ovechkin — although without the opt-out clause.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan dismissed the case. He said the evidence "supports the argument that Ovechkin wished to end his relationship with Dynamo once and for all."

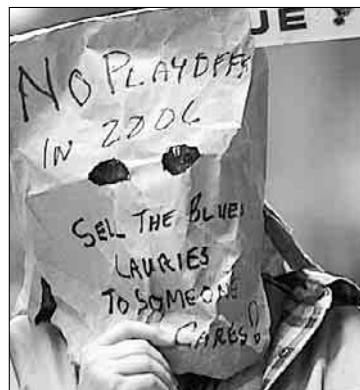
Ovechkin leads all rookies with 32 goals and 58 points and will play for the Russian national team at next month's Olympics. On Monday night, he scored with an outstretched flick of his stick while rolling on the ice after a hard check by defenseman Paul Mara in a victory at Phoenix. **(AP)**

St. Louis Singing the Blues This Year

NHL | St. Louis Blues general manager Larry Pleau has a new mantra. At least he's getting paid to be around the game he loves.

"I haven't had a job since I was 16 years old, and I'm going to be 59 in June," said Pleau, whose team is the worst in the NHL. "So I've been a pretty lucky guy."

That was before the Blues dropped their seventh straight game, a 5-3 loss at home to the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday night. They've scored 10 goals during the current slump, which rivals their franchise-



It didn't take long for the Blues' fans to hide their head in shame this season.

worst 11-game losing streak earlier in the season.

Forget about the 25-season playoff streak, the longest current run in professional sports. They're on track for not only the fewest points in the league this season, but the fewest in franchise history.

The Blues enter Thursday's game at Washington with a 10-29-5 record and 25 points, six fewer than the next-worse team, through 44 games. The franchise worst is 48 points and an 18-50-12 mark in 1978-79.

"It's just tiring and it's ridiculous," center Doug Weight said. **(AP)**

In Brief



Jerry Bailey is giving up a seat on a horse for a seat in a television studio.

HORSE RACING

Legendary Bailey Retires to Become Television Analyst

Jerry Bailey, a two-time Kentucky Derby winner and perhaps the greatest jockey to climb aboard a racehorse, will retire on Jan. 28. The 48-year-old Bailey will be a racing analyst with ESPN and ABC Sports. **(AP)**

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

A-Rod to Play for U.S.

Alex Rodriguez finally chose a side: He wants to wear stars and stripes. His allegiance torn between the Dominican Republic and United States, A-Rod made up his mind at last Tuesday night and decided he will participate in the World Baseball Classic as a member of the U.S. team. **(AP)**

NFL

Marinelli Close to Lions' Job

Tampa Bay defensive line coach Rod Marinelli was nearing an agreement with the Detroit Lions on Wednesday night to become their new head coach, a team source told The Associated Press. The source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Marinelli was to leave the team's practice facility on Wednesday night, but stayed to negotiate his contract. **(AP)**

NFL

Steelers' Porter Won't Be Fined for Criticizing Refs

Pittsburgh linebacker Joey Porter won't be fined by the NFL for criticizing officials after the Steelers beat Indianapolis. NFL coaches are subject to fines for criticizing officials, but players usually aren't fined. **(AP)**



WHAT IF? Jerome Bettis might have delayed retirement for one more season if his goal-line fumble near the end of the Steelers-Colts game had been his final carry of the season. "Yeah, who knows?" Bettis said. "It would have been hard to walk away from a last carry like that."

Sports

Alexander Cleared to Play

League MVP is 'full go' after concussion in win against Redskins

NFL | Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren removed all doubt Wednesday: NFL MVP Shaun Alexander will play in Sunday's conference championship game against Carolina.

The rushing champ sustained a concussion last Saturday in the first quarter of Seattle's win over Washington. Alexander later said he was unconscious initially and then "out" of it for about 20 minutes.



JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY

But Holmgren said Wednesday the All-Pro back will be ready for the Panthers. "Shaun's full go," the coach said. "He passed some tests we gave him yesterday. He participated in our walkthrough this morning. He's going to be fine."

Alexander, who rushed for a team-record 1,880 yards in the regular season, joked he learned something about himself over a four-day battery of doctors' tests.

"Oh yeah. I took all the tests and realized the guy knocked some sense into me," Alexander said of Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington. "I am actually smarter than I was before."

GREGG BELL (AP)

Alexander was forced to the sidelines on Saturday by a LaVar Arrington hit.

Saints Turn To Payton As Coach

NFL | Cowboys assistant Sean Payton was introduced Wednesday as the New Orleans Saints' new head coach, inheriting a team that won three games last season and played all its contests on the road because of Hurricane Katrina.

Payton is taking on his first head coaching job after serving under Bill Parcells at Dallas, where he coached the quarterbacks and also held the title



Payton

of assistant head coach. "I believe we've hired a head coach that has what it takes to bring a championship to this city," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said.

Payton succeeds Jim Haslett. The Saints went 3-13 in 2005, but were a .500 team during Haslett's first five seasons combined. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON CSN) Will Alex Ovechkin top his over-the-head goal when the Capitals host the St. Louis Blues?

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Virginia looks to upset North Carolina.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Cincinnati and Xavier play for state pride in Ohio.

NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT) The NBA-best Detroit

Pistons visit the suddenly red-hot New York Knicks.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON TNT) Because Kobe Bryant has to be on TV every night, the Lakers face the Sacramento Kings.

TENNIS (2 P.M. AND 11 P.M. ON ESPN2) More early-round action at the Australian Open.

Peppers Among the Injured Panthers

NFL | Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers was one of seven players to miss practice Wednesday as the Panthers prepared to play Seattle in the NFC championship.

Peppers injured his shoulder in the third quarter of Carolina's win over Chicago and is listed as ques-

tionable for Sunday's game.

Also missing practice were full-back Brad Hoover (ankle), center Jeff Mitchell (knee), defensive tackle Kindal Moorehead (ankle), guard Tutan Reyes (toe), defensive tackle Jordan Carstens (illness) and safety Mike Minter (wrist). (AP)

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The number of wins that Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt will have if the Volunteers beat No. 19 Vanderbilt Thursday. She already holds the NCAA record for wins.

Williams Enjoys Easy Win

Serena on to the third round as she attempts to repeat Down Under

TENNIS | Serena Williams had seen enough: She nearly was bounced out of the first round of the Australian Open, and her sister headed home after all of one match.

So the defending champion didn't exactly overlook Camille Pin, a Frenchwoman ranked 130th. Williams pounded the ball, grunting with plenty of oomph in a 6-3, 6-1 victory Wednesday to reach the third round.

"Everyone's a threat," Williams said. "But I'm real serious. I'm here to be a threat as well."

Williams dropped serve to trail 2-1 in the opening set but quickly regained control by breaking serve six times. She seemed annoyed with Pin's lack of pace and floating shots, replying with unusual ferocity and finishing with 30 winners.



FIST OF FURY: Defending champion Serena Williams gestures to the crowd during her victory over Camille Pin in the second round of the Australian Open Wednesday.

Williams gave up only three points in the last three games in running her winning streak in Melbourne to 16 matches. She won the title in 2003 and 2005, skipping the 2004 major because of injuries.

"The last two times I played here, I did really well," she said. "I'm just hoping to keep it up."

Next up is 17th-seeded Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia, who has never taken a set off Williams.

JOHN PYE (AP)

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THEY'RE COMING FOR YOUR CHILDREN: Walt Disney Co. is after the hearts and minds of our wee ones. This week, it launched an online subscription service aimed at preschoolers. Execs call Playhouse Disney Preschool Time Online an "online theme park."

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

HOT HOT DOGS
MY NAME IS EARL (9 p.m., NBC) Earl tries to set right one of his most heinous crimes — stealing Pops' Old Fashioned Weiner cart. Are there no limits to the man's perfidy?

HOT HOT WINGS
THE OFFICE (9:30 p.m., NBC) What's worse than your boss knowing you're in love with a co-worker? For poor Jim, it's enduring a "bonding" lunch at Michael's favorite restaurant: Hooters.

MAKING SENSE OF LOSS
PHANTOM LIMB (7:30 p.m., Cinemax) Although Jay Rosenblatt's little brother died more than 40 years ago, the pain and sense of loss has rankled ever since. Rosenblatt expresses his guilt and grief in this lyrical documentary.



"Phantom Limb" filmmaker Jay Rosenblatt's late little brother, Elliott.

MEMBERS ONLY
EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS (8 p.m., UPN) Little does young Chris know that that hundred-dollar leather jacket he wants so badly is going to humiliate him when the '90s roll around.

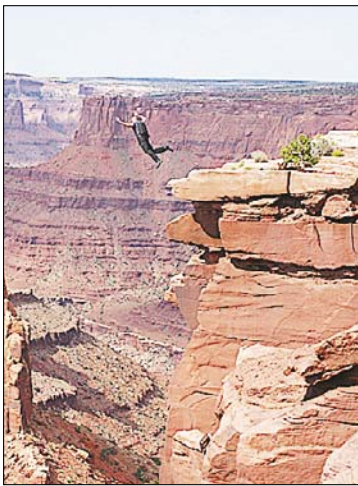
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Nesting TV Series

CBS expands the realm of television and tech marketing

SYNERGY | CBS has announced a "micro-series" to air in seven installments of a minute or less and be available online and by cell phone.

"The Courier," described as a serialized drama about a man risking his life to rescue his kidnapped wife, will debut Tuesday, Jan. 24, during the first-act commercial break of "CSI: Miami" and conclude during "Criminal Minds" on Feb. 1.



Daredevil Iiro Seppanen plays a man who'll jump off anything for love.

In the series, a "mystery man" named Iiro follows clues and performs "a sequence of death-defying tasks" to save his wife, the network said.

Iiro Seppanen will play the lead character, whose adventures include what Seppanen has become known for, CBS said: daring acts of BASE parachute jumping.

Viewers can follow the story in more detail on the Internet at CBS.com, where the segments will be available after the TV broadcast along with an interactive story line with its own set of clues and a sweepstakes with a car as the prize. Pontiac is the series' sponsor.

After the broadcasts, episodes of "The Courier" also can be seen on cell phones via Verizon Wireless V Cast Service, CBS said. (AP)

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| | WTTG | 5 Seinfeld 1 2 | The Simpsons 1 | The Simpsons 1 | Seinfeld 1 2 | That '70s Show | That '70s Show | The O.C. "The Sister Act" (N) 2 | Crumbs (N) 2 | Primetime | News | Geraldo at Large | Friends 1 2 |
| | WJLA | 7 News | ABC Wild News | Wheel of Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Dancing With the Stars (S Live) 2 | | | | | News | News | (35) Nightline |
| | WUSA | 9 News | CBS News | 9News Tonight | Ent. Tonight | CSI: NY "On the Job" 1 2 | | CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) 1 | | Without a Trace "Patient X" (N) 2 | News | News | Late Show |
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| | WMPT | 22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | Business Rpt. | Business Conn. | MotorWeek | This Old House | | Ken Burns American Stories The story of the Lewis and Clark expedition. | | Dead Sea "A Naked Planet Special" | Echoes of a Bitter Crossing | | |
| | WETA | 26 BBC World News | Business Rpt. | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | Moneywise | B-17 Flying Legend 1 2 | | NCRM Freedom Awards 2005 | BBC World News | Tavis Smiley 1 | Charlie Rose (N) 1 2 | Charlie Rose (N) 1 2 | |
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| | WBDC | 50 Steve Harvey | The Parkers 1 | My Wife and Kids | Bernie Mac | Smallville "Lockdown" (N) 1 2 | | | | | | | |
| | A&E | Dallas SWAT | | Death Detectives: L.A. Coroner | The First 48 | | | The First 48 | | Dallas SWAT (N) 2 | Crossing Jordan "Second Chances" | | |
| | Animal | The Crocodile Hunter | | The Most Extreme "Dieters" 2 | The Planet's Funniest Animals | | | The Planet's Funniest Animals | | Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N) | The Planet's Funniest Animals | | |
| | BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live | | BET Style | Girlfriends | Girlfriends | | The Corner 1 | | In Living Color 1 | In Living Color 1 | In Living Color 1 | |
| | Bravo | Project Runway "On Thin Ice" 2 | | The West Wing "Talking Points" 1 | Project Runway "On Thin Ice" 2 | | | ★ ★ "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar" (1995, Comedy) | | Project Runway "Window Shopping" | | | |
| | Comedy | (5:00) ★ "Out Cold" (2001) 2 | | Com.-Presents | Reno 911! 2 | Daily Show | Colbert Report | Chappelle's Show | South Park | Chappelle's Show | Distraction | Daily Show | Colbert Report |
| MOVIES | Court | Forensic Files | Forensic Files | Cops 1 2 | Cops 1 2 | Hot Pursuit (N) | Hot Pursuit (N) | Forensic Files | Body of Evidence | The Investigators | Hollywood Heat | Hollywood Justice | |
| | Discovery | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | Lethal Swarms: Killer Bees | Quints: The First Year | | | Killer Jellyfish | | Killer Ants | Lethal Swarms: Killer Bees | | |
| | DISCH | Paramedics "Wild West" 2 | | Trauma: Life in the ER | Sextuplets Turn 12 | | | 14 Children and Pregnant Again! | | Quints: The First Year | | | |
| | Disney | Even Stevens | Zack & Cody | That's So Raven | ★ ★ "The Cheetah Girls" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven, Lynn Whitfield, 2 | Buzz-Maggie | Sister, Sister 1 | That's So Raven | That's So Raven | | | | |
| | E! | Dr. 90210 Obesity in America. | | E! News (N) | E! News | | | | | | | | |
| | FX | King of the Hill 1 | King of the Hill 1 | That '70s Show | That '70s Show | | | | | | | | |
| | HGTV | Renovation | Wknd Warriors | Curb Appeal | House Hunters | | | | | | | | |
| MOVIES | Family | 7th Heaven 1 2 | | Smallville "Exodus" 2 | ★ ★ "Grease 2" (1982) Maxwell Caulfield, Michelle Pfeiffer, 2 | | | Whose Line? | Whose Line? | The 700 Club | | | |
| | History | Weird Weapons: The Axis | | Modern Marvels: Battle Gear | The Presidents "1849-1865" 2 | | | Declassified "Tiananmen Square" (N) | | Modern Marvels: Torture Devices | | | |
| | Lifetime | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls | ★ ★ "A Father for Brittany" (1998) Andrew McCarthy, Michael Learned, 2 | "For the Love of a Child" (2006, Drama) Peri Gilpin, Teri Polo, 2 | | | Will & Grace 1 | Will & Grace 1 | Will & Grace 1 | | | |
| | MTV | My Own (N) 1 | Room Raiders (N) | Direct Effect 1 | True Life "I'm on Steroids" 1 | | | R. Wld Chal. | R. Wld Chal. | True Life "I Live on the Edge" (N) 1 | Meet the Barkers | Meet the Barkers | |
| | NICK | All Grown Up 1 | Danny Phantom | Fairly Oddparents | Jimmy Neutron | SpongeBob | Romeo! 1 2 | Full House | Fresh Prince | Roseanne | Roseanne | The Cosby Show | |
| | SCI FI | Stargate SG-1 "Frozen" 1 2 | | ★ "Dracula 3000: Infinite Darkness" (2004, Horror) Casper Van Dien, 2 | ★ ★ "The Fast and the Furious" (2001, Action) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, 2 | | | (:01) ★ ★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese, 2 | | | | | |
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| MOVIES | TBS | Seinfeld 1 2 | Seinfeld 1 2 | Every-Raymond | Every-Raymond | Friends 1 2 | Friends 1 2 | ★ ★ "You've Got Mail" (1998, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Parker Posey, 2 | | (:40) The Brothers | | | |
| | TLC | Martha (N) 2 | | What Were You Thinking? | World's Worst Drivers | | | Miami Ink "Step Up or Step Out" | Beyond the Bull "Back in the Saddle" | World's Worst Drivers | | | |
| | TNT | Charmed "A Witch in Time" 1 2 | | Law & Order "Survivor" 1 | NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. | | | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Sacramento Kings. | | | | | |
| | USA | Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Want" | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1 | ★ ★ "The Fast and the Furious" (2001, Action) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel, 2 | | | (:01) ★ ★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese, 2 | | | | | |
| | VHI | I Love the '90s "1993" 1 | | I Love the '90s "1994" 1 | I Love the '90s "1995" 1 | | | ★ ★ ★ "Private Parts" (1997, Biography) Howard Stern, Robin Quivers, Mary McCormack, 1 | | Springer Ruled | | | |
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| MOVIES | ESPN | SportsCenter (Live) 2 | | College Basketball North Carolina at Virginia. (Live) 2 | College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier. (Live) 2 | | | SportsCenter (Live) 2 | | | | | |
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| | MSNBC | The Abrams Report | | Hardball | Countdown With Keith Olbermann | Rita Cosby Live & Direct | | Scarborough Country | | | | | |
| | AMC | (5:45) ★ ★ "Dr. No" (1963, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ursula Andress. 'PG' | | ★ ★ "Uncommon Valor" (1983, Drama) Gene Hackman, Fred Ward. 'R' 2 | (:15) ★ ★ "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne, Jim Hutton. 'G' | | | | | | | | |
| MOVIES | TCM | ★ ★ "The Big Sleep" (1946, Mystery) Humphrey Bogart. 'NR' 2 (DVS) | | ★ ★ "My Neighbor Totoro" (1988, Fantasy) 'G' | ★ ★ "Porco Rosso" (1992) Voices of Michael Keaton. | (:15) ★ ★ "Whisper of the Heart" | | | | | | | |
| | HBO | (:15) ★ ★ "Frozen Assets" (1992, Comedy) Shelley Long. 1 'PG-13' | | Inside the NFL 1 2 | ★ ★ "Taking Lives" (2004, Suspense) Angelina Jolie. 1 'NR' 2 | Taxicab Confessions: New York | | | | | | | |
| | MAX | (5:00) ★ ★ "The Hard Way" (1991) | | Phantom Limb (N) 1 | ★ ★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990, Adventure) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. 1 'PG' 2 | ★ ★ "Trespass" (1992, Drama) Bill Paxton, Ice-T. 'R' | Emmanuelle | | | | | | |
| | SHOW | (5:35) ★ ★ "A Perfect World" (1993) Kevin Costner. iTV. 1 'PG-13' | | ★ "Twisted" (2004) Ashley Judd. iTV. 1 'R' 2 | Sleeper Cell | Penn & Teller | Penn & Teller | The L Word Alice refuses Helena. 1 | | | | | |
| | TMC | (:15) ★ ★ "The Sweeper" (1996, Drama) C. Thomas Howell. 1 'R' | | ★ ★ "Against the Ropes" (2004, Drama) Meg Ryan. 1 'PG-13' 2 | ★ ★ "The Fighting Temptations" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr. 1 'PG-13' 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | STARZ! | (5:15) ★ ★ "Hostage" (2005) 'R' 2 | | (:15) ★ ★ "Nothing to Lose" (1997, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. 1 'R' 2 | ★ ★ "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" (2004) Anne Hathaway. | "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" | | | | | | | |
| | ENCORE | (4:35) ★ ★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003) 'PG-13' | | ★ ★ "Mad Max" (1979) Mel Gibson. 1 'R' 2 | (:35) ★ ★ "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" (1985) Mel Gibson. 'PG-13' | While-Sleeping | | | | | | | |

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Sightseeing

Young-only bus trips keep travel social and maybe even romantic

Retirees and all-you-can-eat buffets? Not on this travel bus tour.

How about bar-hopping? Adventure side trips? Even scheduled free time and the potential for romance?

Only travelers between the ages of 18 and 35 can board a Contiki Holidays bus for sightseeing trips geared toward the young and social. Singles are OK, as well as those in relationships, but travelers may have to declare "red light" or "green light" status to show their availability for dates.

"The concept is really for young, like-minded travelers who want to experience the world with other people in their similar age group," said Lisa Wooldridge, vice president of marketing. "It's not your grandmother's tour."

The company offers tours worldwide for young travelers, and they're catching on in the United States. Many tour companies offer specialized trips — like adventure or music tours — for young tourists, but "Contiki has been one of the pioneers in their market segment" for general sightseeing tours, said Michael Palmer, executive director of the Student Youth Travel Association.

"One of the successes of a model like Contiki is that they found ways

to bring people from a variety of different cultures and backgrounds together," Palmer said.

Itineraries vary from whirlwind four-day trips to 48-day tours of 16 countries, with prices ranging from \$225 to \$4,439. In the United States, Contiki offers 18 trips, ranging from

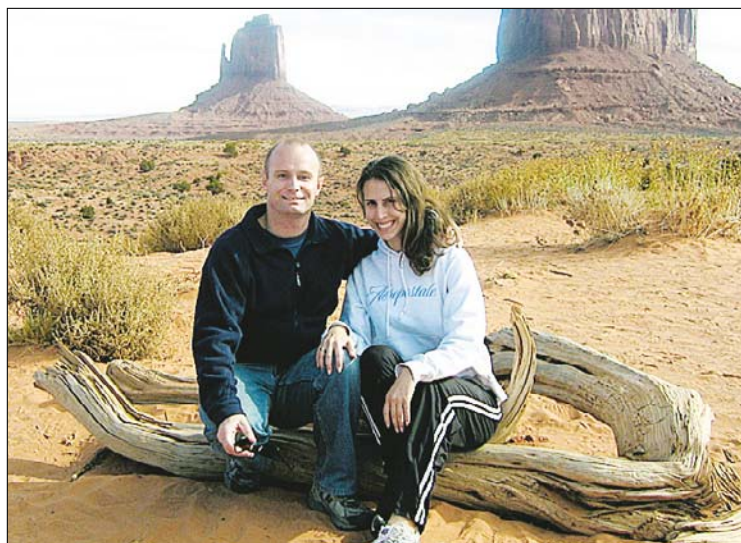
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ONE OF U.S.: Caroline Bussey met her boyfriend on a youth bus trip around Europe.

“There’s a lot of single people and tight spaces.”

JORDAN ALLEN
CONTIKI TOUR MANAGER

last year with the intent of finding a boyfriend, “but I found a great guy and I credit the tour, because you can really get to know someone in 46 days.”

Contiki trips are well-known in Australia and New Zealand and are popular with Europeans and Canadians. While less known in the United States, young tourists who’ve discovered the trips say they’re a great way to meet people from different countries without traveling internationally.

“I really like talking about different cultures, talking to people from different countries,” said Bussey, the only American on “the Grand Southern,” a cross-country U.S. tour that visited 22 states, starting in New York and ending in California.

The tour included stops in Texas, where travelers wanted to see “the over-the-top big things that people always associate with Texas,” Wooldridge said. SHEILA FLYNN (AP)

Tour of Heart

three to 24 days and locations from Hawaii to Maine. New York and Los Angeles are big draws for foreign travelers, Wooldridge said.

Jordan Allen, a tour manager, said the confines of the bus can create international friendships and even marriages.

“There’s a lot of single people and tight spaces,” Allen said during a cross-country trip that stopped in Dallas. “You’re forced to get to know each other really fast.”

Caroline Bussey, a beautician from Tulsa, Okla., said she didn’t book her Contiki trip to Europe

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The National Institute of Mental Health is conducting a study of mild stress and memory. Participants will be interviewed and will complete a series of tasks during which physiological functioning will be recorded. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18-50.

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The cattle in the maze of pens at the National Western Stock Show in Denver are all gussied up: clipped, washed, blow-dried, ready to wow 'em in the auction barn.

The true cattle connoisseur, though, knows that beauty isn't in the eye of beholder — it's in the numbers recorded on small placards hanging in the pen and in three-ring binders: pedigree, birth weight, muscle-to-fat ratio, offspring's statistics.

Computers have revolutionized the field of genetic tracking in the cattle industry.

"We took 250 years of cattle breeding, and, in the last 10 to 15

"I think people don't understand the technology we do use. It's not just throwing the bull out with the cows."

RYAN SCHURR
CATTLE-RAISER

years, we have really accelerated," said Roy Wallace of Select Sires, a federation of cooperatives that supplies semen for the beef and dairy industries.

"Now, there's like 30-some traits in there that you can select," he said.

Needs vary, depending on the operations and the targeted market.

Colorado State and other uni-



Livestock with genetically tracked DNA was at the National Western Stock Show.

versities work in tandem with the livestock industry to breed and raise the kind of cattle that produce beef that people will buy in supermarkets or high-dollar restaurants. The goal

might be beef that's lean or marbled with fat for taste.

"We use DNA markers to try and help us understand which animals have the inherent abilities to pro-

duce a tender product or to stay healthy in certain environments," said Tom Field, Colorado State animal sciences professor.

The consumer is on the mind of John Schurr, who raises Angus and Charolais cattle in North Platte, Neb.

The Schurrs began using ultrasound more than 20 years ago to determine if their animals were producing the "high red-meat yield, fat-free and tender" beef the public wants, Schurr said.

Before, all they could do is examine the carcass after slaughter to test if their breeding program was working. Ultrasound allows cattle producers to assess a living animal's muscularity, fat and other traits, Field said.

The Schurrs teamed up with a researcher from Cornell University. They also use embryo transfer, in which a cow with desired qualities is given a drug to produce several eggs during ovulation. All the eggs are fertilized via artificial insemination and implanted in other cows.

"People don't understand the technology we do use," said Ryan Schurr, one of Schurr's sons. JUDITH KOHLER (AP)

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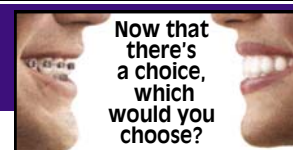
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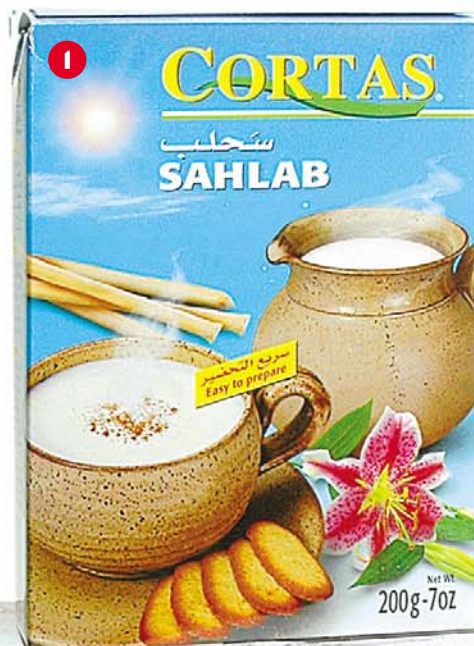
Styles

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1. Frothy Middle Eastern sahlab tastes a bit like hot chocolate without the chocolate. (\$1.69, Lebanese Taverna Market, 4400 Old Dominion Dr., Arlington)

2. This soybean and cane sugar concoction is a staple in China. It tastes a bit like liquid Cream of Wheat. (\$1.49, Eden Supermarket, 6763 Wilson Blvd., Falls Church)

3. Nutty-tasting flax seed, a favorite in Ethiopia, has lots of omega-3 fatty acids. (\$3, Tana Market, 623 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring)



When the temperatures dip, it's easy to reach for a giant cup of hot chocolate. But if you're looking to expand your horizons, check out what other countries sip when it's cold. We traveled the far reaches of the globe (well, really just of the D.C. area) to bring you popular winter warm-ups from other regions. **LYNN THORNE**

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4. The Latin American panela (aka dehydrated cane sugar juice) is thought to prevent tooth decay, energize you and relieve constipation — all while tasting like overly sweetened tea. (\$2.29, La Fonda Paisa, 7914 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring)

5. Filipinos drink salabat, a strong ginger brew said to ward off colds, fever, stomach aches, even rheumatism. Think ginger-flavored Altoids. (\$1.40, Sampaguita Asian Store, 351 Smallwood Dr., Waldorf)

Global Warming

There's more to hot drinks than cocoa, coffee and chai mocha lattes

Beauty



Rough Deal

Skincare should be easy. That's not the case with **BOA BODY EXFOLIANT** (\$65, boaskincare.com), which raises skin scrubbing to the level of nuclear physics. You get two scrubbing mittens and a thing that looks like a gluestick. Rub the gluestick on the mittens, then scrub. Poof! No more dead skin cells. While this tester was left softer and smoother, she was also confused: Who thought putting mittens on in the shower was a good idea? The post-wash struggle to remove the mitts meant scratched wrists and raised ire. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**

Feet



Podiatry Protection

With a name like **TOASTY FEET** (\$13, www.toastyfeet.com), one expects these orange insoles to radiate warmth. They do not. Instead, the inserts act like the bottoms of extra-thick socks, blocking the chilly air (while annoyingly taking up room in a pair of shoes). That may sound negative, but an extra sock helps! Really. **VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

Live Online

Man's Best Pal

JOHN GROGAN was online Wednesday to discuss his best-selling book "Marley & Me," his account of life with an irresistible dog | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Yo! Why did you name your dog Marley, mon? Are you a stoner?

No, not a stoner, but a lover of Bob Marley's music. My wife and I could not agree on a name for our new puppy. She wanted what I considered chick names; I wanted what she considered affectedly macho names. She popped in a Marley tape to drown me out. "Is This Love?" came on, and we both looked at each other and in the same instant, cried out: "Marley!"

What's the strangest thing Marley ever did?

We came home one day and opened the door to the laundry room, where we kept Marley when he was alone. And he was standing on top of the washing machine, on his hind legs, dancing around like a circus bear.

I was once told by a very unreliable source that a person's name affects his character. Maybe this applies to dogs as well. Did Marley ever show any musical talent?

Marley was an amazing percus-

sionist. His tail beat out great riffs every waking moment. And you could affect the tempo by merely touching him on top of the head. We thought of him as our Manic Metronome.

How do you cope with the fact that you will, most likely, outlive your beloved dog? I've had two dogs, both who had good full lives, but when it was their time, I was totally devastated.

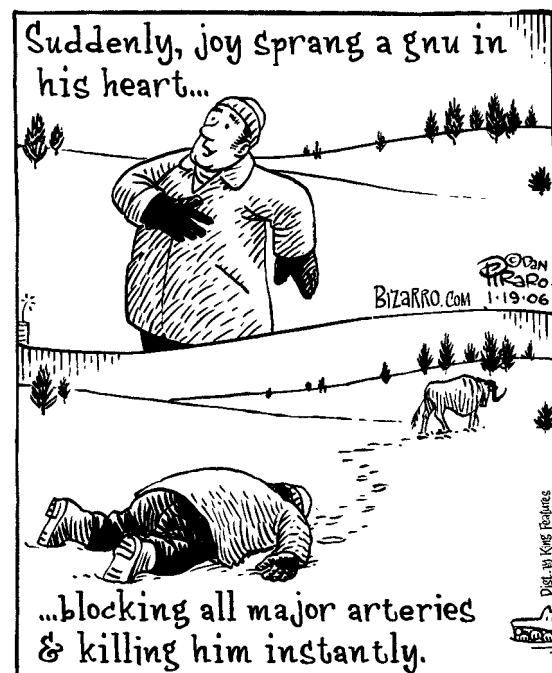
That is the nature of the relationship. Dogs have much shorter lifespans than we do; it's almost an inevitability that we will be saying goodbye to them. And it's damn hard. You don't have to be one of those "nutty dog people" to experience real grief when you lose a beloved pet.

→ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Post Style writer Jose Antonio Vargas will discuss the premiere of Fox's latest reality show, "Skating With Celebrities."

NOON: Peggy Buryj, mother of Army Spec. Jesse Buryj, discusses the family's search for answers about his death in Iraq.

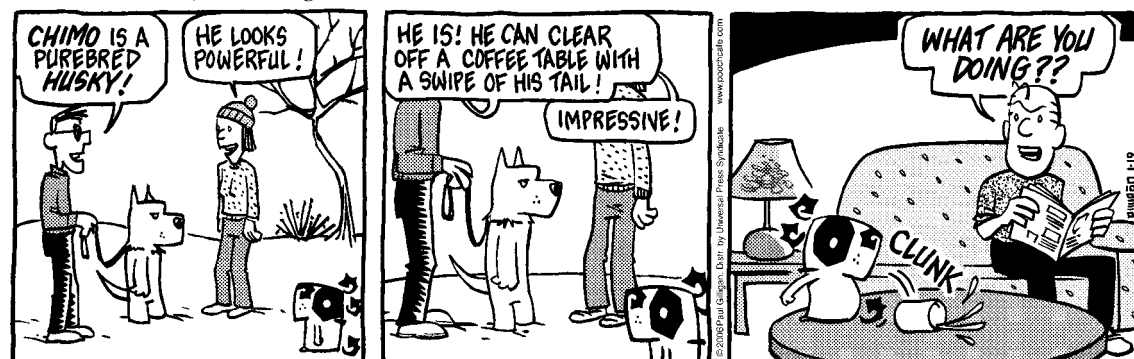
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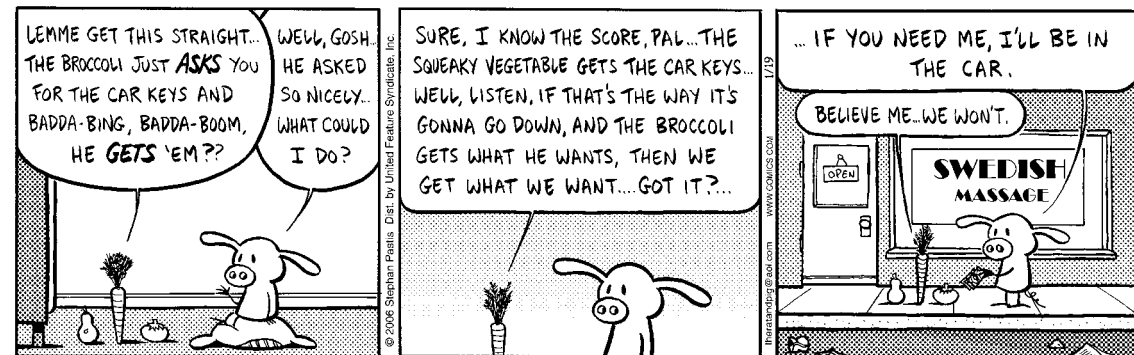
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The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Letters

Alito Is a Dangerous Choice

I AM DEEPLY concerned that Samuel Alito is even being considered for the Supreme Court. We have seen enough of the horrors that an unchecked executive can wreak upon our society and the world. Samuel Alito's views on executive privilege, privacy and choice make it clear that he is a threat to security, a threat to liberty, and a threat to everyone's right to self-determination. Isn't it about time that we told Washington and it's faulty leadership that we have had enough of its poor judgment and failed decisions, enough deception and arrogance? The Senate will say 'No' to Alito, but only if we make it

clear that it must. And for everyone's sake, it must.

—MICHAEL J. DILL
Arlington, Va.

Language Article Inaccurate

I WAS DISAPPOINTED to read "The Spanish Fly" in the January 18 Getting Ahead supplement. Referring to us as "Hispanics" is considered offensive by some Latinos or Latinas. While there is a debate over which term is more accurate, I'd think that would have been given a bit more consideration. Also, there's a mistranslation of "good luck" at the very end of the article. It's "buena suerte." If you're going to print words in foreign languages, at least make it look like you made more of an effort to get them right.

—MIKE SARZO
Glenn Dale, Md.

LOOK^{*}out

BACK TO THE BASICS

“Luckily, sixth-grade students at Bowen Elementary do not have math, literature or science to study. Instead, they are researching fruits that might be appropriate ...”

CAPITALFREEDOM.BLOGSPOT.COM THINKS THE D.C. COUNCIL, WHICH IS RELYING ON SCHOOLCHILDREN TO RESEARCH OPTIONS FOR AN OFFICIAL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FRUIT, SHOULD SPEND ITS TIME IMPROVING THE CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTEAD.

THE Blog LOG

WORN OUT

“Isaac Hayes has been hospitalized for exhaustion. We really hope he can reach out to Lindsey Lohan, Mary-Kate Ashley Olsen and Nicole Ritchie for support.”

JOSSIP.COM NOTES THAT FATIGUE IS CONTAGIOUS IN CELEBRITY CIRCLES, STRIKING DOWN ACTIVE STARS IN THEIR PRIME.

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE?

“Now, I am new to this whole arbitration thing, but how/why does D.C. get to pick the arbitrator?”

YURASKO.NET/WFY IS CONFUSED BY FORMER DETROIT MAYOR DENNIS ARCHER BEING SUMMONED TO HELP D.C. SETTLE THE BASEBALL STADIUM LEASE SQUABBLES WITH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.



NAME GAME

“What is she going to name this kid. ... If she goes with any other fruit, vegetable, legume or plant ... that's lame.”

DANASDIRT.COM SAYS GWYNETH PALTROW, WHO HAS A DAUGHTER NAMED APPLE, HAS SOME SERIOUS THINKING TO DO WHILE SHE'S PREGNANT WITH HER SECOND CHILD.

COMPLEX SCHEDULING

“Most people I know say [“24” is] the best show on television, and I have to admit, I see their point. I'm mostly impressed by how much Jack Bauer manages to squeeze into a day.

UNDERPANTSONTHEOUTSIDE.COM/BLOG IS SO IMPRESSED WITH JACK BAUER'S TIME-MANAGEMENT SKILLS ON FOX'S “24” THAT THE BLOGGER IS DOING AN HOUR-BY-HOUR COMPARISON OF WHAT HE CAN GET DONE IN 60 MINUTES WITH WHAT THE MAN WHO HAS SAVED AMERICA FOUR TIMES CAN GET DONE.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Past experiences should come in handy, as you remember just how you dealt with a difficult situation. Repeat that triumph.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The chances are good that something you enter into will prove a long-standing, profitable arrangement for all concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may feel threatened by someone who really has your best interest at heart. Being suspicious like this never did you any good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not be able to wait for those in authority to make a ruling on an issue you've recently brought to their attention. Act on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've been listening to the experts again, haven't you? Cut your ties with those in the know and do some exploring on your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your casual manner and naturally calming approach

to even the most troublesome issues will inspire others to dig a little deeper.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your romantic ideal may be slipping away from you at this time, but there is much you can do to keep it from disappearing altogether.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An early start will allow you to gain an important advantage, but you may not be prepared to accomplish everything on your itinerary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take that Gemini native too seriously. He or she may be playing a game, and you can't afford to take an emotional hurt away with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Financial matters will command your attention throughout the day, even when you are engaged in routine negotiation and trading.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't try to own anyone else. The temptation to take over someone else's affairs may be strong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your passions are near the surface, and you may find that it is easy both to hurt another's feelings, and have your own hurt in turn.

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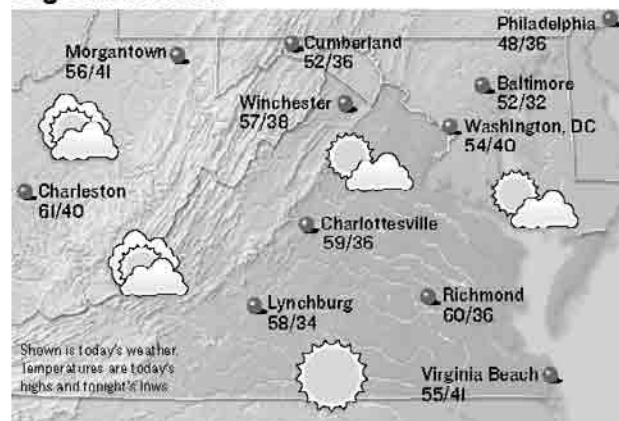


DON'T get closer than your computer screen. There's a huge volcano going lava-bonkers in the U.S., but, luckily, it's in Alaska, where it is sure to harm no one. But you can still keep up with the show; the Alaska Volcano Observatory (avo.alaska.edu) has a Web cam and updated info.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

| Today | Tonight | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
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| Mostly sunny and mild | Clear and tranquil | Partly sunny, breezy, warmer | Becoming cloudy, then rain, warm | Mostly sunny, windy, cooler | Mostly cloudy, more rain possible |
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Almanac

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| High | 63° |
| Low | 43° |
| Normal high | 42° |
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| Average humidity | 63% |

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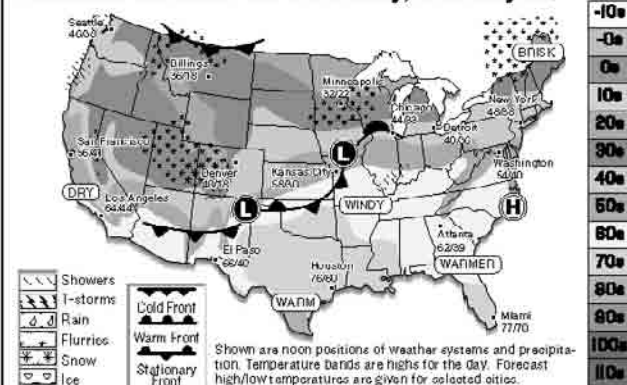
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Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise today | 7:24 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 5:14 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 10:22 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 10:07 a.m. |



National Weather for Thursday, January 19



National Cities

| City | Today | Fri. |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 62/39/s | 66/51/p |
| Boston | 46/36/s | 54/38/p |
| Chicago | 44/33/sh | 42/26/sh |
| Dallas | 75/53/s | 67/39/t |
| Denver | 40/18/sf | 36/13/sf |
| Honolulu | 81/69/p | 80/70/p |
| Los Angeles | 64/44/s | 68/46/s |
| Miami | 77/70/c | 81/71/sh |
| New York City | 48/38/e | 56/42/p |
| Orlando | 71/54/s | 80/60/p |
| Seattle | 46/38/r | 46/36/sh |

World Cities

| City | Today | Fri. |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| Amsterdam | 46/45/sh | 48/38/r |
| Athens | 60/43/r | 51/37/p |
| Berlin | 28/22/p | 34/27/sf |
| Buenos Aires | 83/68/s | 85/66/t |
| Calgary | 35/18/sf | 29/14/p |
| Dublin | 52/44/sh | 46/38/sh |
| Geneva | 41/27/p | 43/32/p |
| Moscow | -11/-15/sn | -6/-11/c |
| Rome | 55/37/p | 53/37/p |
| Sydney | 75/66/sh | 77/64/p |
| Tokyo | 45/37/p | 43/36/s |

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DICHOTOMY

Brutal Sport, Pretty Voices

ARETHA FRANKLIN will join New Orleans singer Aaron Neville to perform the national anthem at the Super Bowl, in Detroit. They will be accompanied by another veteran New Orleans musician, pianist Dr. John. "The combination ... should present a very memorable performance," said NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy. (AP)

WILDLIFE

Jacko Menagerie Develops Small Tools, Token Economy

The exotic animals **MICHAEL JACKSON** has kept at his Neverland Ranch in Los Olivos, Calif., are not being mistreated, federal officials have concluded. The Department of Agriculture sent an inspector to the ranch this past month in response to a complaint from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. PETA based its complaint on European tabloid reports that animals were being kept in substandard conditions. (AP)



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INGRATES

Kelly Gnaws Off Hand That Fed Her

KELLY CLARKSON, the first "American Idol" winner, is not letting any of her songs be used by new contestants on the show. A spokesman for Clarkson insisted it's nothing personal, but the stance prompted a public scolding from "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell. "I think that by ignoring the show you're ignoring the audience who put you there," Cowell said Tuesday. Clarkson has become a major star in the past year, with her hit "Since U Been Gone" earning both massive sales and critical respect. (AP)

CAREERS

Welcome To Your Future, Ryan Cabrera

Seventies teen idol **LEIF GARRETT** was being held without bail after authorities said he was suspected of carrying narcotics and not having a subway ticket. Garrett, 44, was arrested by Los Angeles sheriff's deputies Saturday on a subway platform. Deputies found suspected narcotics



Who rides the Los Angeles subway, anyway?

during a search. He has not been charged and is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday.

A spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office, said Garrett was being held without bail because he had violated the terms of his probation for a previous offense. (AP)



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COPYCATS

Exhaustion: It's Not Just for Fragile, Emaciated Starlets

ISAAC HAYES was being treated at a Memphis hospital Tuesday for exhaustion, his longtime songwriting partner said. "He's just overworked and had been in Atlantic City performing, the D.C. area performing, and in Tunica, Miss., a couple of nights ago. He was just overworked," David Porter told The Commercial Appeal newspaper. "He's doing much better," Porter added. (AP)

INFERIORITY

Give Him a 'House' Guest Spot and He'll Be All Better

HILARY SWANK and husband **CHAD LOWE** have announced their separation, but the actress says they hope to rescue their eight-year marriage. "We're still trying to save it," Swank told "Access Hollywood." "It's not over, we're not divorced. We've been together for over 13 years, and there's a lot of love there." (AP)



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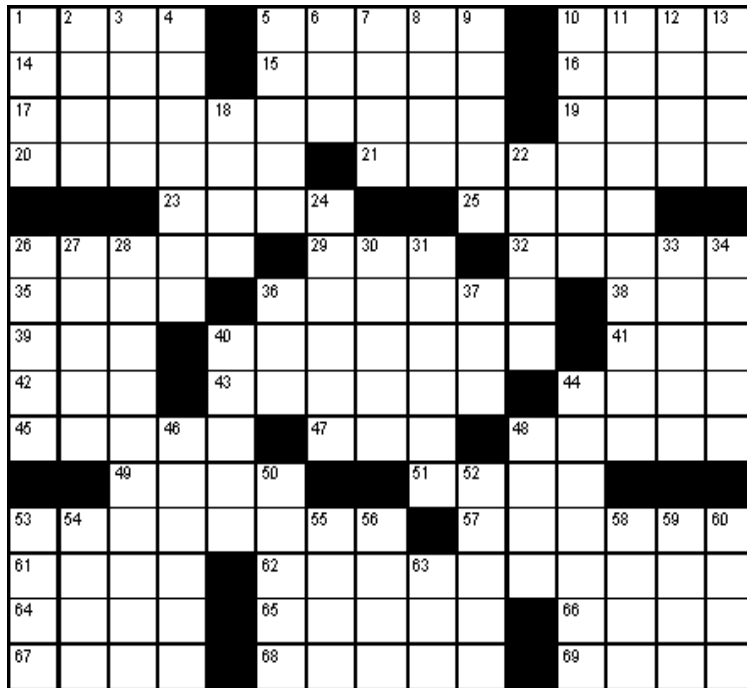
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14 Joyce's motherland
15 Truant's game
16 Butcher's offering
17 Certain UFO
19 It's found in a round
20 What you will, perhaps
21 Lab example
23 Put aboard
25 Trinitron maker
26 Lots of lager
29 SNL network
32 Aquarium fish
35 Billing unit, for some
36 Like a numismatist's greatest treasure
38 Molder
39 Work unit
40 Spanish clan
41 In the past
42 Words with loss or glance
43 Expels
44 Pond film
45 Vegetable knife
47 Welcome token
48 Bo, Luke and Daisy
49 "Buenos ____!"
51 Santa ____, Calif.
53 Gourmet onions
57 Appear on the scene
61 Get one's feet wet, in a way

62 Mayor, e.g.

64 General's gofer, e.g.
65 Prepare to be knighted
66 Hot streak
67 ____ Mawr College
68 Too sentimental
69 Cornstalk features

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3 Burn protection
4 Asthmatic's need
5 Measure of dignity
6 Word with Alamos or Altos
7 Cries of amazement
8 Ditch school for the day
9 Excessively promotes
10 She longed for Lancelot
11 Certain career path
12 He's not one to talk
13 Soon, ere now
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24 It covers some crowns
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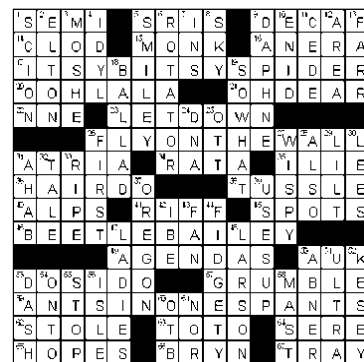
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31 Bird, for one
33 Scoundrel
34 Molecular components
36 British rule prior to 1947
37 Parent sharer, briefly
40 In a wild state
44 Type of pancake (with "crepe")
46 Brennan of "Private Benjamin"
48 Russian

parliament

50 Haberdashery supply
52 Test a modified paper airplane
53 Mariner's mop
54 Cueball's lack
55 Frank's daughter
56 Small progression
58 Flightless bird
59 Shifter's selection
60 Flubs it
63 Cowpoke assent

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1937 Millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

1944 The federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

1966 Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

1981 the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

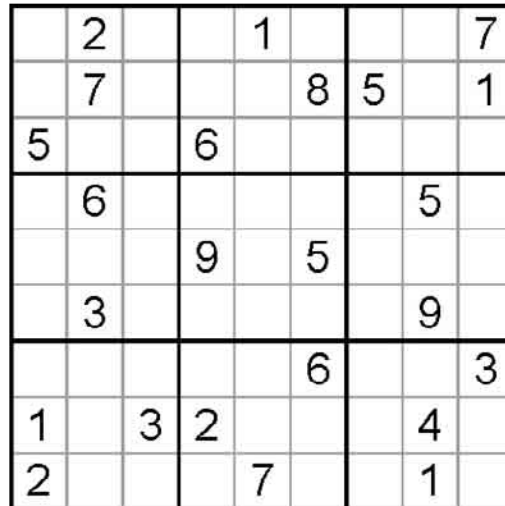
2001 In a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Clinton acknowledged for the first time making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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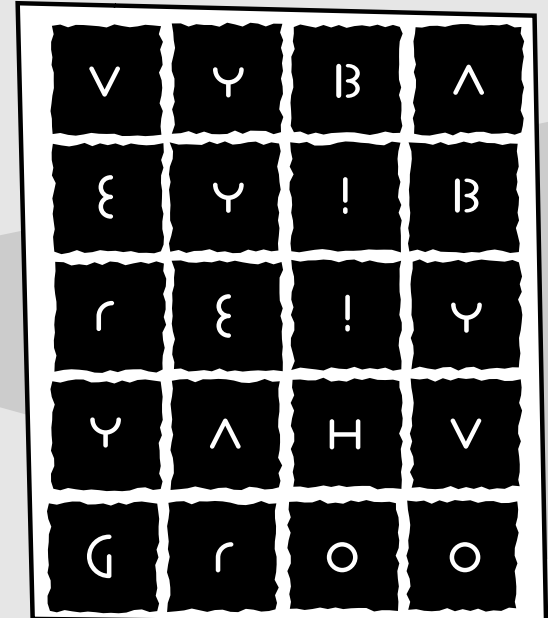
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*** NAME:** Full Minute of Mercury
GIG: The ultra-rare local band that can intentionally make you laugh.

IT MAKES SENSE that the D.C. punk-pop band Full Minute of Mercury opens for acts as diverse as Dokken, Veruca Salt and the Smithereens (who they'll warm up for Friday at the State Theatre). FMM doesn't fit any genre. The local sextet plays Van Halen riffs at high speeds and blankets them in keyboards, then adds chipper female vocals and intentionally amusing live choreography. All six critical darlings talked about politics, ambition and the meaning of punk.

You say you don't want to be a political band. Why did you play Rep. Jim Moran's fundraiser?

KELLY: 'Cause I'd just joined the band and I needed a gig.

TOM: Because we're sellouts.

CHRIS: It paid really well.

Who's the coolest famous band you've opened for?

TOM: Not Firehouse. They had to borrow our keyboard.

KELLY: They were yelling at us because we didn't know how to work it.

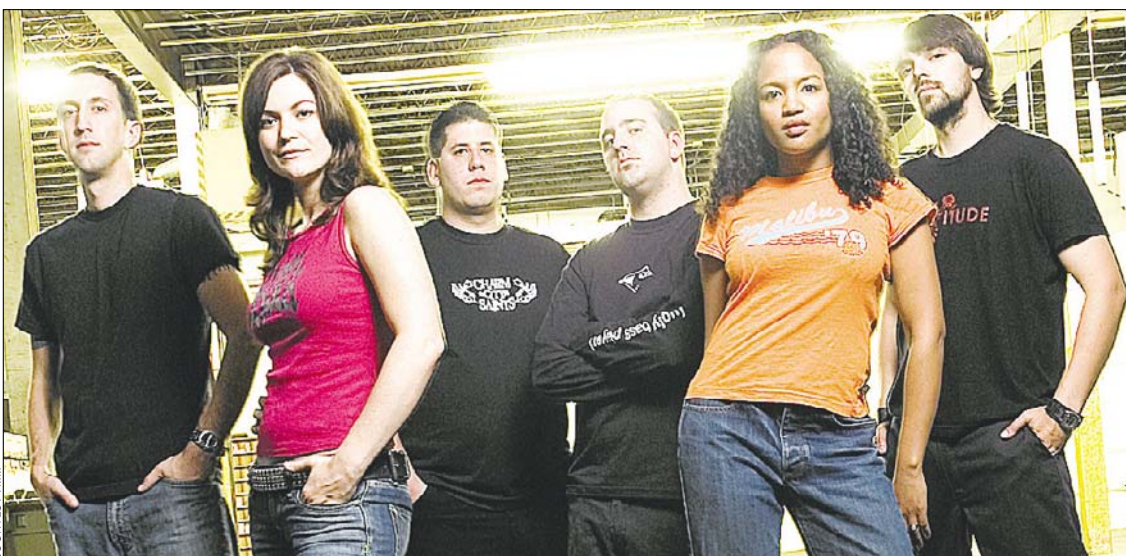
TOM: They wanted to down-tune it a half-step or something. We play our keyboard straight-up; we don't need any trickery. And we were never told that you were using our keyboard: You're Firehouse!

KELLY: Buy your own keyboard!

You've gotten flak from local bands because of your ambition.

CHRIS: If we don't make it, I want to know that we did everything possible. I don't want to be 50, saying, "If we had only done this differently." We all take that attitude. We're pushing really hard, because this is it.

Could you be successful without



15 FULL MINUTES OF FAME: The members of Full Minute of Mercury have the looks and hooks to back up their ambition.

"I think we are a punk band, because we don't sound like anyone else."

selling a lot of records?

KELLY: A band is successful if they bring people out and have a good time. I think we're successful.

TOM: The day I live off the music is

the day that we're successful.

CHRIS: If I made 50 grand a year, 40 grand, even, just playing music — I don't need a huge mansion, I just want to do this for a living.

DAN: When I have Playmates doing lines off of my schlong, I'll know we've made it.

MATT: That's not a very big line.

DAN: Three inches. Just kidding. Four. Just kidding. Ten.

In what sense are you punk?

KELLY: I like that question, because

there are lots of "punk" bands right now that sound like each other and I think punk doesn't fit into another genre. We're doing things no band has done before ... We're not hard enough for the hardcore bands, we're not poppy enough for pop-rock, so I think we are a punk band, because we don't sound like anyone else. We don't fit. **TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)**

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Pretty Little Poisonous Pill

Whip-smart singer Nellie McKay tells the truth with a smile

MUSIC | At first look, Nellie McKay seems to be a precocious little whip. With her mega-kilowatt smile and spunky demeanor, she could pass as an updated version of the Anne Marie character in the '60s TV sitcom "That Girl."

At first listen to her cheery cabaret jazz, McKay looks like another manufactured entertainer, making an attractive addition to this generation's Rat Pack that includes Jamie Cullum, Norah Jones, Jane Monheit and Peter Dinklage.

A closer examination, however, of McKay's artistry reveals something far more seductive and salty. She took a swipe at the breezy



THE ANTI-NORAH JONES: McKay combines winsome melodies and acerbic lyrics.

insouciance of Jones' mega-hit 2002 album, "Come Away With Me" with the title of her cattily titled debut, "Get Away From Me" (Columbia, 2004).

This Sunday at the Birchmere, McKay will display her brilliance at enveloping feisty, even pissed-off, lyrics inside the most sanguine melodic veneer. Once you pay attention to

her acerbic words, you'll recognize her detours around pop-savvy nothings in favor of thorny originals that tackle issues such as gay marriage ("Cupcake"), animal rights ("The Dog Song") and female sexuality ("Wont U Please B Nice").

Providing further evidence that she's not your average big-label Barbie, when Columbia initially chopped her new disc, "Pretty Little Head," down from 23 songs to 13, McKay urged fans to write complaint letters to the label's president. That delayed the release date for a least a month. But reportedly the gambit worked, revealing not just precociousness but true diva instincts. **JOHN MURPH**

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WHEN: Sat., 7-10 p.m.

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Folklorist Alan Lomax gets a tribute from scholars, musicians

MUSIC | "I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees."

What? Oh, right — the *Lomax*.

With apologies to Dr. Seuss, Alan Lomax (1915-2002) followed in the footsteps of his father, John, speaking not for the trees but for the folk traditions of the world. Best known for recording and preserving U.S. jazz, blues, gospel and old-time, Lomax the younger also trotted the globe, making field recordings of performances everywhere from Calabria to the Bahamas.

This week, Lomax's former employer, the Library of Congress, remembers the most productive guy on the payroll with a scholarly symposium, a film screening and concerts.

Advance registration for the panel-discussion and film portions of "The Lomax Legacy: Folklore in



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LISTENING CLOSELY: The late musicologist and folklorist Alan Lomax on a songcatching expedition in the Caribbean in 1962.

a Globalizing Century" has closed, so if you had wanted to hear radio host Nick Spitzer and Charlie Poole box-set producer Henry Sapoznik discuss the dissemination of folkloric recordings, you'll have already dropped by the LoC Web site.

But if you're hearing about the festivities for the first time, it's not too late to catch the Thursday-night concert, also at the Coolidge. The

National Chorus of the Church of God and Saints of Christ and their guests, the Solomon Carey Family, will perform African-American sacred and secular songs in the a cappella style made famous in the late 19th century by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Ethnomusicologist and musician Judith R. Cohen will honor the traditions of the Sephardim, the Luso-

Hispanic Jews who got booted off the Iberian Peninsula in the 1490s, when Ferdinand and Isabella coincidentally started itching for New World turf. **GLENN DIXON**

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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT: Vanessa Vaughn and James Konicek in "Merge," one of the nasty, brutish and short vignettes in acclaimed playwright Neil LaBute's "Autobahn."

Carried Away

Playwright Neil LaBute's cruel, clever world

STAGE | In Neil LaBute's world, your coworkers don't exactly have your best interests in mind. Neither, in fact, do your friends. Even the stranger you see walking down the street probably wants to inflict some emotional harm.

The controversial playwright and director brings his unflinching style and portrayal of human nature to the Studio Theatre in this winter's "LaBute Festival." A cornucopia of LaBute's drama and prose, the central event is his drama, "Fat Pig," a sharp take on society's obsession with weight.

LaBute has been called both villain and truth-teller; some decry him as misogynistic

and sadistic, while others praise his accurate take on society and even call him a feminist. While he exposes the darker aspects of human nature, he often contrasts it with a more positive example of humanity.

Take Helen (Kate Debelack), the plus-sized heroine at the center of "Fat Pig." Her wit and candor draws the attention of slim and good-looking Tom (Tyler Pierce), and the pair fall in love.

That's where those pesky coworkers come in to ruin everything. Perhaps cousins to LaBute's slimy colleagues from "In the Company of Men," Tom's friends attempt to "save him from himself" and sabotage the romance.

They've got their own agendas, of course, but the question is whether Tom will follow his mind or heart. Wild guess, anyone?

As a "LaBute Festival" highlight, the man himself will discuss his work the weekend of Jan. 28 after a matinee showing of "Fat Pig."

The festival also features the premiere of LaBute's new play, "Autobahn," a collection of one-act plays set entirely within the front seat of a car. The seven vignettes range from a make-out session gone wrong to a daughter's ride home after a stint in rehab, once again providing a stark and brutality honest look at what goes on in people's heads.

The final work in the "LaBute Festival" trifecta is a set of readings from his debut prose work, "Seconds of Pleasure," a collection of short stories. Some of the works feature internal monologues, some dialogues, but unsurprisingly, they all depict ordinary people doing or thinking naughty things.

For LaBute fanatics, Studio Theatre is offering up the most cynical day ever: "A Day in LaButeville," this weekend and next. For \$100, patrons can watch all three performances and enjoy a box dinner.

Side of bile with your pasta salad?

ERIN TROMPETER

→ "Fat Pig": Studio Theatre, Mead Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Feb. 26; \$32-\$52.

→ "Autobahn": Stage 4; through Feb. 5, \$25.

→ "Seconds of Pleasure": Milton Theatre; Jan. 21 & 22; Jan. 28-29, 5 p.m., \$5; 202-332-3300.

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American History Museum, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free; 202-633-1000.

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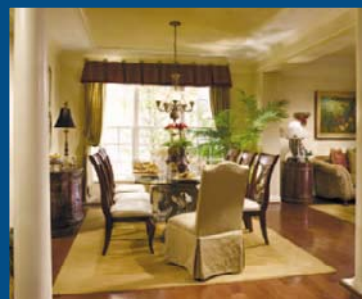
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Maybe the future is now, if the state of jazz is any indication. Jazz, the second-snobbiest of genres (after classical) got its butt kicked in 2003 by "These Are the Vistas," the major label debut by the Bad Plus. It sold a bazillion copies, inspired fawning critical praise and sparked a boring and predictable backlash. Why?

Covers of Nirvana, Blondie and Aphex Twin. Heresy! If there's one thing jazz fanatics hate more than



DOUBLEPLUS BAD: Bad Plus members Ethan Iverson, Reid Anderson, Dave King alienated jazz purists but won punk hearts.

swift record sales, it's popularity. So tacky. When hipsters got wind of the Bad Plus, the jazz purists circled the wagons.

Also, it probably doesn't hurt that The Bad Plus can rock a crowd.

The trio of Reid Anderson (bass), David King (drums) and Ethan Iverson (piano) cut their teeth by winning over denizens of DIY punk dives. This cannot be said for pompous purists like Wynton Marsalis,

who'll make your grandma yawn. Toothpaste is more exciting.

And rock is a key word on "Give," the follow-up to "Vistas." That album featured power-jazz interpretations of Black Sabbath

and The Pixies. It also dropped a freewheeling rendition of "Street Woman," by jazz provocateur Ornette Coleman. God forbid, it actually sounds fun.

But for "Suspicious Activity?," the trio relies on their own compositions, most of which were unfairly, though understandably, overlooked on previous albums. Just one cover — Vangelis' theme from "Chariots of Fire" — meets the recommended daily allowance for irony.

Meanwhile, King's "The Empire Strikes Backwards" stops and turns on a dime, Anderson's "Knows the Difference" launches stirring improvisations from the merest melodic seeds and Iverson's "O.G. (Original Gentleman)" lifts its opening from Elvin Jones, then struts along in an elegant blues.

Imagine. If no one had told you that The Bad Plus was a jazz trio, you might mistake them for a good time. And you might accidentally get rocked. **BOB MASSEY**

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Grown & Sexy

WHAT: Over-40 Single Professionals Cocktail Dance

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WHEN: Fri., 7:30-11 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$50, \$45 in advance; 703-522-5344.

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Logic at the Bottom of a Bottle

MC Louis Logic lives the life he sings about

MUSIC | Louis Logic's rhymes can't help but bow to the bottle. Considering booze is a frequent topic and he's released projects titled "Debauch in a Bottle," "Blame It on the Hooch" and "Music to Drink By," how the MC's liver continues to function is a mystery.

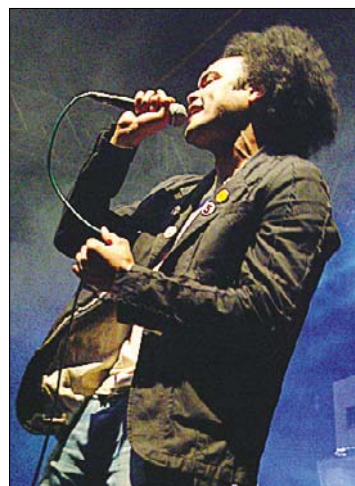
Logic's boozy humor and lady-loving raps invade Nation on Saturday for a gig that just might leave the crowd glassy-eyed.

"I'm sick, twisted and strange," he raps on "Loud Mouth." "A kid

that's deranged, lobotomized and missing a brain."

His first descriptors are on the mark, as his lyrical content is unfiltered enough to make Howard Stern blush. However, this Penn State grad and former skateboarding pro is heady when he wants to be. On "The Ugly Truth" from his only proper album release "Sin-a-Matic," he unleashes a barrage of racist and homophobic epithets so outrageous

The MC explores and exploits his vices.



they're completely unprintable here. Logic — adopted and raised in an Italian home — concocted the hyperbolic track to educate those who deny racism's existence.

Logic's ribald rhymes should find their largest audience this year through a deal with indie rap powerhouse Fat Beats. His forthcoming disc will sport the ever so appropriate title "Misery Loves Comedy." **CRAIG SMITH**

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MIRROR, MIRROR: In "The Good Body," feminist stage provocateur Eve Ensler (author of "The Vagina Monologues") wants to know if she looks fat in those pants. The one-woman show is at the Lincoln Theatre through Sunday.

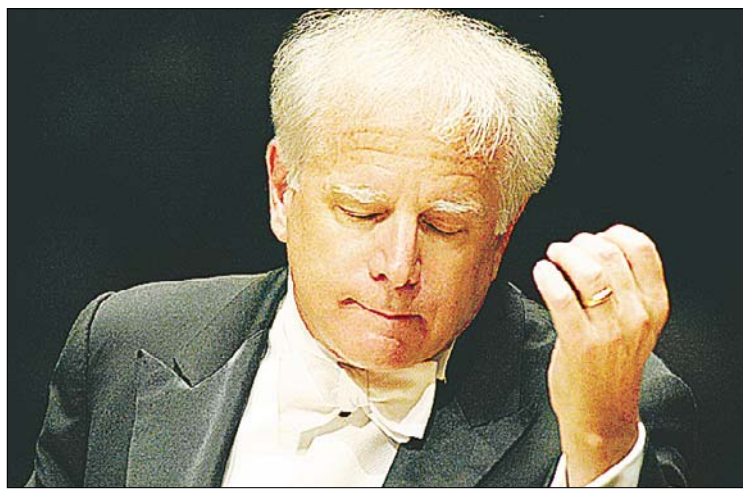
Happy 250th, Amadeus

D.C. institutions give Mozart the birthday bash of a lifetime

OUT & ABOUT | Six Washington cultural institutions are joining the celebration of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday.

The National Symphony Orchestra will give three concert performances of Mozart's opera "The Abduction from the Seraglio," beginning Jan. 26, the eve of the composer's birthday. His music will be on a dozen of the symphony's vocal, chamber music and orchestral concerts through June 17.

On Thursday, the Freer Gallery will begin the three-month celebration of "Mozart on the Mall" with a piano recital including works influ-



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TIMELESS: Leonard Slatkin will conduct Mozart's "Abduction From the Seraglio."

enced by Turkish music.

The National Museum of American History starts a series of four Mozart chamber concerts on Saturday. It will also have

a symposium March 26 called "Happy Birthday, Mozart," with discussions and demonstrations of his music.

There will be three orchestral

concerts at the National Gallery, and the Library of Congress will host Mozart concerts and an exhibit of his manuscripts and first editions. The National Academy of Sciences has scheduled a piano recital devoted to his work and the Hirshhorn will have a program called "Time and Memory" with recent work inspired by the composer.

When he was alive, Mozart's relations with officialdom were not that good. There's a story that the Austrian emperor remarked that one of his works had too many notes.

"Just as many as needed, Your Majesty," Mozart is said to have replied. **CARL HARTMAN (AP)**

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Story of the Year has the look, the sound and now, the success

MUSIC | In the '80s, every band on MTV wore hairspray and liked their shoulders big and pointy.

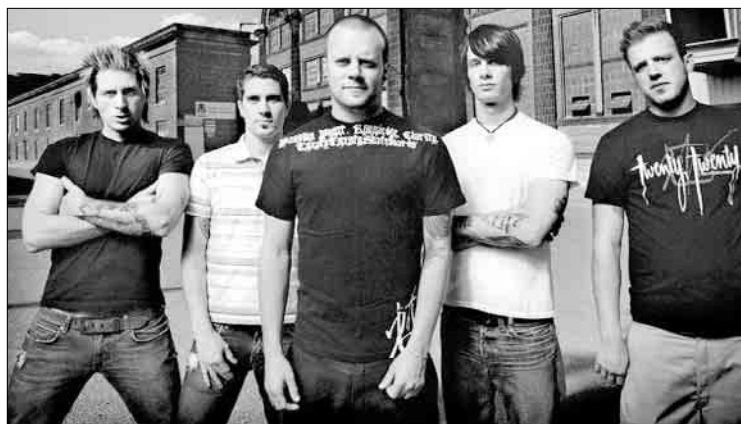
In the '90s, anything sufficiently unwashed/knit/plaid was de rigueur.

These days, any band that wants to eat regularly owes it to themselves to get tight black T-shirts, a crop of tattoos and to make regular visits to

the hairstylist and gel aisle of CVS. Story of the Year, headlining at the 9:30 Club on Sunday, must eat very well indeed.

It's been the story not just of the year, but of the past several years: Play pop-punk (but make sure it's not too pop, or too punk), add some heart-wrenching screams and lovelorn lyrics and watch the money roll in. Story of the Year nails the formula.

SOTY thinks it's heavy and a nation agrees — it's that easy! — just like it did with SOTY's forebears



THE TOTAL PACKAGE: Tight black T-shirts, check; gelled hair, check — we're a hit.

Stone Temple Pilots and Poison.

But give the screamo heart-throbs credit: They can pen an impeccable melody — and then sing “I bit my tongue, until blood soaks my shirt” over it. Subsequently, they're liable to do flips (like the Used!) or spin their guitars behind their backs.

Sunday's openers, From First to Last and Adair, sound to all but the most well-trained ears very much like Story of the Year. More importantly, they've got the look down, too. First to Last's singer is gonna have to cut that hair, though. Who does he think he is, Mick Mars?

TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with From First to Last, Adair, 9 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Oops ... The '00s Dancing

OUT & ABOUT | Remember ... Missy, Justin, Kelis, Beyoncé, Eminem, Snoop, Britney? Those who ruled the roost in the early '00s return when DJs Sad and Will Eastman bring Oops! ... I Did It Again to the Black Cat's backstage Friday night.

The disc-spinners are fixtures of the local DJ scene. Eastman is the resident at Bliss, a party specializing in “indiepop/electropop/techfunk” that for five years has drawn 150 dancers to the Black Cat the fourth Saturday of every month.

The DJ known during daylight hours as Brian Miller forms, with his roommate Brian Cognazzo, Sad and Lonely, whose eclectic SALT listening night holds down the first Wednesday of each month at Café Saint-Ex.

Both Miller and Eastman doggedly search out new music from across the globe, and both unashamedly love truly great pop songs. Nothing's changing on the latter score, but, “where a lot of stuff we play is very international in scope, ‘Oops!’ is gonna be very U.S.-centric, sort of a night for American-pop fans,” Miller said.

Should you need a little do-



DJ Sad spins shiny American tracks.

goodery to get you on the floor, the show is a benefit for Project Create, “a nonprofit organization that provides free after-school arts programs to at-risk children in Washington, D.C.,” explained Eastman, a board member since July.

“I don't see a difference between indie-pop and pop,” Eastman said. “There is a big distinction in a lot of people's minds ... but I play good, provocative dance music.”

“We're not gonna DJ anything we don't like. This is music that really makes us excited every time we hear it on the radio. It's great to hear some song you maybe got tired of two or three years ago, and then you hear it again, and all over again, it sounds fresh and just amazing.”

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History Revisited

Q'orianka Kilcher takes on an iconic American character

EARLY TIMES | Q'orianka Kilcher doesn't have a name that easily rolls off the tongue, but the 15-year-old actress is drawing rave reviews for her portrayal of Pocahontas in director Terrence Malick's "The New World."

How did this role come about?

A casting assistant saw my photo and thought I looked like an Indian

Julia Roberts. She persisted with her bosses for about three days and finally they were like, "Fine, bring her in."

How did you like the costumes?

The traditional tribal clothes I wore in Virginia really helped me get into Pocahontas' spirit of freedom and allowed me to move freely.

When I went to London and tried on her English wardrobe, it was a very different story. I had them put on my corset extra tight and had them make my shoes two sizes too small so I could feel how



LOVE AMID THE RUINS: The historical Pocahontas and John Smith have been cast as romantic idols for hundreds of years.

I imagined Pocahontas felt. It was sad because I felt like a caged bird and I cried.

Has your background helped?

After filming "The New World," I went to Peru for about a month and I saw my entire family from my father's side. It definitely filled a little space that I felt was kind of

empty inside me. Having Quecha and Huachapaeri Indian in me definitely helped me in this role even though we were centuries apart.

Was there a lot of improvisation?

Oh, yeah. You never knew what was going to happen ... Terry is a very spur of the moment director and acted on his impulses.

Since you don't do much talking, did Malick give you instructions on your facial expressions?

In those silent moments, there are pages and pages of dialogue, and he would tell me right before we would shoot those scenes, "Maybe just say this one line, but don't say anything else." ANGELA DAWSON (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Hoodwinked

It's not state-of-the-art animation. The creatures seem more like rubber toys than animated beings, and their faces are without nuance or vividness.

STEPHEN HUNTER

2 Glory Road

First-time director James Gartner executes sports-movie clichés with terrific assurance; the fish-out-of-water comedy ends up a rousing morality tale. ANN HORNADAY

3 Last Holiday

A good-hearted, kind-spirited, if mild pleasure, in which star Queen Latifah, even in a dialed-down role, demonstrates her considerable presence.

STEPHEN HUNTER

4 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

Andrew Adamson's sterling version of C.S. Lewis' classic children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. STEPHEN HUNTER



RED HOOD, RIDING: The "Hoodwinked" star with her doomed basket of goodies.

5 Hostel

A group of backpackers meets with a gory fate in Eli Roth's grisly new slasher movie. This film was not screened for critics.

6 Fun With Dick and Jane

This Jim Carrey-Téa Leoni remake of a caper involving married felons is a no-brainer with a brain, a light, inoffensive comedy. ANN HORNADAY

7 King Kong

It's 187 minutes of mesmerization, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 Tristan & Isolde

This romance starring James Franco and Sophia Myles is a WB-esque take on an epic Brythonic narrative with possible Pictish roots. ANN HORNADAY

9 Brokeback Mountain

It possesses handsome and sympathetic lead players, magnificent scenery, righteousness and cultural import. But it's devoid of one crucial thing: passion. ANN HORNADAY

10 Cheaper by the Dozen 2

The family of 12 kids is unraveling in this sequel to a good-natured but dull franchise. DESSON THOMSON

Indies & Arties

David Cronenberg: The Complete Retrospective

The look at the Canadian movie master's career continues with an eclectic group of offerings. On Friday and Saturday, the fictionalized tale of real-life bonkers twin physicians, "Dead Ringers"; Saturday and Sunday features Christopher Walken as the uneasy "sensitive" on a mission in "The Dead Zone." Also Sunday, catch Cronenberg's touching adaptation of the romance "M. Butterfly."

Otto Preminger: A Centennial Celebration

The mid-century maestro of the unspoken gets a tribute. This weekend, Dana Andrews stars as an unwittingly violent good cop in "Where the Sidewalk Ends," Preminger's little-seen classic "Angel Face," starring Jean Simmons as a disturbed teen, screens on Saturday.

Fellini & Masina

A classic collaboration between director and muse, the work done by Federico Fellini and his wife Guilietta Masina stands today as a great artistic love story. The showcase of these films, kicking off on Friday with "nights



Jeremy Irons plays both demented twins in Cronenberg's "Dead Ringers."

of Cabiria," runs, fittingly, through Valentine's Day.

→ The above films are at AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 410-495-6700, afi.com/silver.

New Films From Germany, Switzerland and Austria

The 14th annual such filmfest, sponsored by the Goethe-Institut, hits E Street on Friday and runs through next Thursday. This year's selection of films evinces a multicultural approach to storytelling.

→ Landmark E St. Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672, landmarktheatres.com.

Funnymen Overseas

Albert Brooks tries to make Muslims laugh

FILM | Everyone knows that Middle Easterners don't understand the Western sense of humor. Right, and Iraq has weapons of mass destruction.

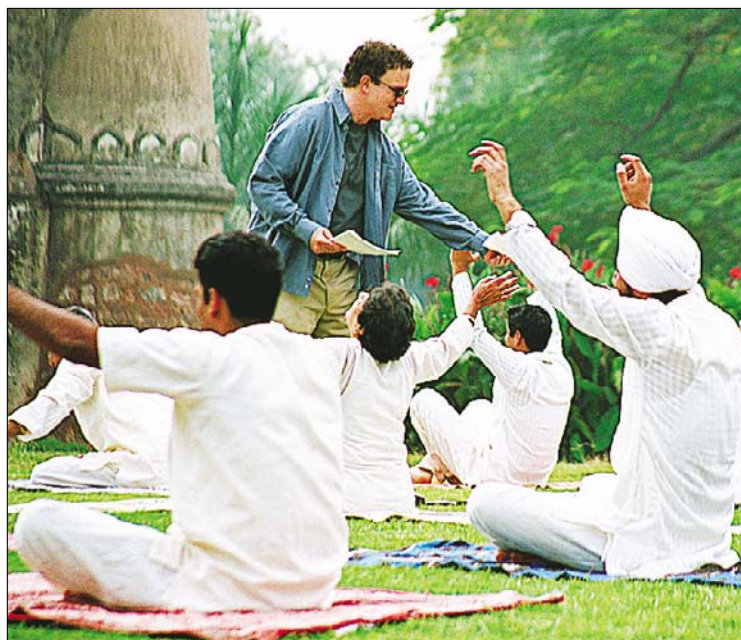
By the pretzel logic of post-9/11 America, it's almost possible to believe the government might send humorist Albert Brooks abroad to find funny Muslims. Hence, the title and premise of his new film, "Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World." Because, the thinking goes, if America could just find some way to make Muslims laugh, perhaps they wouldn't destroy us. Ha ha.

In his previous films, Brooks' genius has been to coax laughter from extreme discomfort. Typically, he's the narcissistic professional

whose titanic self-importance hits the iceberg of reality. Reminded of "The Office," anyone?

That show's squirm-inducing cubicle losers are like Brooks' bastard progeny. In Brooks' first feature, "Real Life," he's a documentarian who burns his subjects' home. Then there's his stodgy ad exec from "Lost In America," who gets himself fired to save his boring marriage. He's a dysfunctional son in "Mother." And (squirm) a washed-up screenwriter in "The Muse."

But in his new film, Brooks plays ... comedian Albert Brooks. Senator Fred Thompson (played by former Senator Fred Thompson) sends him to India and Pakistan to write a report on what makes



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Muslims laugh. His payoff: a big shiny Medal of Freedom. In classic Brooks form, things go badly.

His Muslim contacts can't say what makes them laugh. And New Delhi had no comedy clubs. So Brooks stages a huge comedy extravaganza. He dies (comedy lingo for "sucks"). Undaunted, Brooks tracks down clandestine Pakistani comedians, whose laughter may be bong-induced. He even auditions for an Al-Jazeera network show called "That Darn Jew."

Does he find humor in the Muslim world? It's a good bet he brings his own stash. The real humor comes from an ill-equipped American's attempt to understand other cultures. It's either hilarious or excruciating, or both. Good news, though: At the film's Dubai premiere, the audience left laughing. Maybe a Medal of Freedom is in order. **BOB MASSEY**

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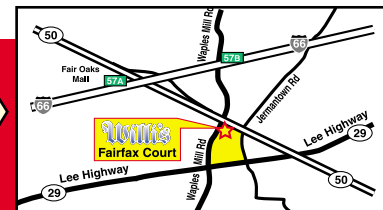
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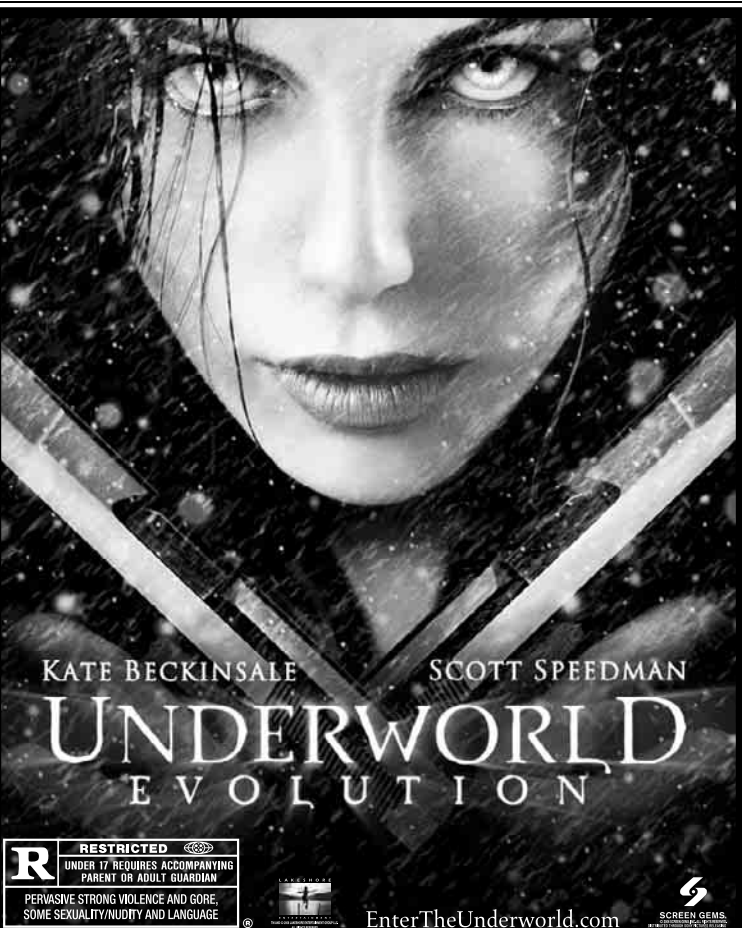
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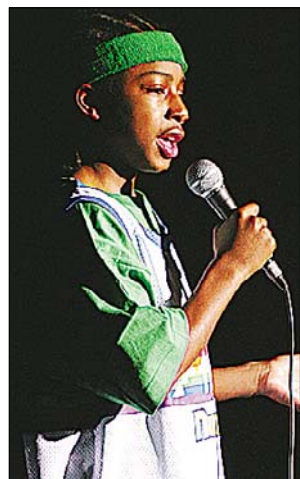
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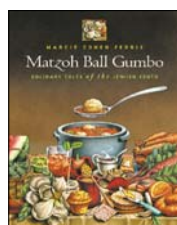
Marcie Ferris' foodie take on the Jewish South

PAGES | Marcie Ferris is an assistant professor in the Curriculum in American Studies and associate director for the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but she's also a pioneer along a well-populated but virtually unblazed trail. As the author of "Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South," from which she'll be reading this Sunday at Politics & Prose, Ferris plumbs the nexus of two food-identified cultures.

What is your background?
I grew up in Blyville, Arkansas.

I think of myself as a product of a mixed marriage because my father was Jewish from Arkansas and my mother Jewish from Connecticut. They had differences in their religion, which I noticed in food. That became clear both when we were at synagogue and at the table.

Food and culture and identity are so closely linked.
I was probably aware of this as a



Professor and author Ferris hands down recipes as well as Jewish history.

child, that when we were at a synagogue, it made us part of the Jewish community, but if we ate out at a barbecue restaurant, say, we were part of the larger community.

Do you cook or is this all research?
Oh yeah, I love to cook. My mom was a great and is a great cook.

What's your favorite recipe?
I guess I love the jam cake. There's a Rosh Hashanah jam cake that's got a lovely hue, and it's a delicious heavy cake. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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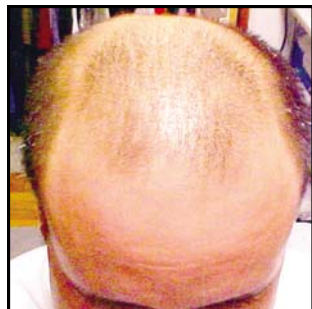
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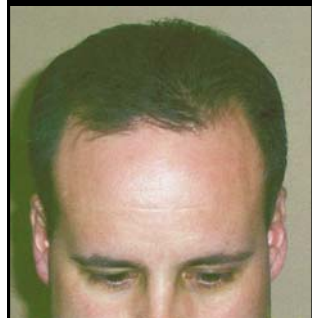
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Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, 9 p.m., free with college ID, \$5 without.

Birchmere Music Hall: Lunasa, Liz Carroll, John Doyle, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50.

Black Cat: The Witnesses, Demon Fling, Jason Simon, 9 p.m., \$7.

Blues Alley: Maysa, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.50.

Crossroads: DJ Alizay & Jet Lee (hip-hop), Zone One & DJ Majestic (dancehall), 5 p.m., free before 9 p.m.

DC9: Vent Silence, Zelazowa, Running With Scissors, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

Five: Latin party, 10 p.m., \$5.

Fur: Stevie B and George B., 9:30 p.m., \$20 men, ladies free.

Improv: Jake Johannsen, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

Iota Club & Cafe: Papa Shake, Sons of Disobedience, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Cobbler, Telograph, Hotspur, 8 p.m., \$8.

Kennedy Center: Harry Manx, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Lorin Maazel, conductor, Katrina Karnéus, mezzo-soprano, 7 p.m., \$20-\$79.

Nation: Alchemy/A.L.I.A.S. (gothic industrial dance), 8 p.m.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe, Jose, free before 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Toubab Krewe, the Brakes, 8 p.m., \$9.

Strathmore: Cello Octet Conjunto Iberico, 7:30 p.m., sold out. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore: The Art of Picasso, 8 p.m., \$43-\$78.

Velvet Lounge: Esmirelda and the Tidbits, Project Applesauce, Diacritical, 9 p.m., \$6.

Warehouse Next Door: Porch Mob, Babies With Rabies, In My Way, Now Is the Time, Pessimist Parade, 8:30 p.m., \$6.

Zanzibar: Comedy on the Waterfront, 7 p.m., free.

FRIDAY

Asylum: Repeater, Furious Love Kids, Incommunicado, 10 p.m., \$5.

Apex: DJ Melissa, 9 p.m., \$8.

Birchmere Music Hall: Suzanne Westenhoefer, 7:30 p.m., \$27.50.

Black Cat: Cryfest — Cure vs. Smiths dance party, 9:30 p.m., \$9. Dance party with DJs Sad & Will Eastman, 9:30 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Maysa, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.50

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Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

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DC9: "Liberation Dance Party," 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Fur: Hip hop, house, international, 10 p.m., ladies free, \$20 in advance.

George Mason University: Charles Dutoit conducts the Royal Philharmonic

Orchestra, 8 p.m., \$25-\$50.

Improv: Jake Johannsen, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

Iota Club & Cafe: Billy Hancock and band, Wes Tucker and the Skillets, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Washington Social Club, Pepper's Ghost, Adelyn, 7:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Localpalooza: Shedding Skin, Moab, Cadillac Rock Box, Another Born Without, Gander Farm Shop, Erebos, Valley Trip, 6 p.m., \$10.

Kennedy Center: Afro-Bop Alliance, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra: Lorin Maazel, conductor, Katrina Karnéus, mezzo-soprano, 1:30 p.m., \$20-\$79. Marlena Shaw, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$30.

Nation: Cubik (house, drum & bass, Jun-gle), 9 p.m.

9:30: Less Than Jake, Big D and the Kids Table, Rock N Roll Soldiers, DaMone, 9 p.m., \$18.

Platinum: DJ Alize, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

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Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Delores King Williams, 6 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: The Smithereens, Full Minute of Mercury, 9 p.m., \$19.

Strathmore: Jerry Lee Lewis, 8 p.m., \$50-\$125.

Velvet Lounge: The Blackout, the Neon Calm, 10 p.m., \$8.

Warehouse Next Door: Say Hi to Your Mom, Dirty on Purpose, Five Four, 9 p.m., \$7.

Wolf Trap: Kennedy Center Chamber Players, 8 p.m., \$30.

Zanzibar: Casa Africa, live jazz, DJs Naem & Quicksilver, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Apex: Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8.

Asylum: Chrysalis, Lascival, 10 p.m., \$5.

Black Cat: MN8 presents Eric Roberson, 9:30 p.m., \$15. Black Catatonia with Turntablist DJ DK, 10 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Maysa, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.50

Club Amazon: The Lissen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: DJ Super Slice, Zone One, Bobby's Music Machine, 10 p.m., \$15 before 11 p.m.

DC9: Big Yawn's birthday, with Aluminum Babe, Cedars, Breaking Laces, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Fur: Markus Schulz, 10 p.m. \$20 (advance).

Galaxy Hut: Alcian Blue, the Third Programme, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Jake Johannsen, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.

Iota Club & Cafe: Waking State, Down Dexter, Elevator to Space, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: John Jorgenson, 7 p.m., \$20. Metal Crusade 2006: Division, Timelord, Melodic Equinox, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Localpalooza: Extortion by Dures, Boxaw, Just Like Always, Tetryl, Spur, Goatbag, Society Ills, Kick in the Pants, Five Days From December, Waiting for Rain, From Far Within, The Perfect Fall, \$10, 2 p.m.

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Nation: Velvet, 10 p.m., \$15.

9:30 Club: Cake, Tegan & Sara, Gogol Bordello, Eugene Mirman, 9 p.m., sold out.

Platinum: Party mix with DJs Gemini, Smokey Joe & Jose, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15 (free with internet pass).

Strathmore: Dariush, 9 p.m., \$55.

State Theatre: The Speaks, Junkfood, Soul Lip, 9 p.m., \$12.

U-Turn: Satan's Boys and Girls Club, Fierce Allegiance, the Aggravators, Digression, 10 p.m., \$7.

Velvet Lounge: Red Right Return, Eight Track Mind, Guv, 10 p.m., \$8.

Warehouse Next Door: Jack Wright Trio, Hat City Intuitive, Kohoutek, Insect Factory, 9 p.m., \$7.

Wolf Trap: John Jennings and Friends, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Zanzibar: International dance party, contemporary American music, 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Birchmere Music Hall: Nellie McKay, Trachtenberg Family Slideshow Players, 7:30 p.m., \$27.50.

Blues Alley: Maysa, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.50

Crossroads: Dancehall, 10 p.m., \$15 before 11 p.m.

Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m.

Galaxy Hut: disconnect, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Jake Johannsen, 8 p.m., \$15.

Iota Club & Café: Laura Veltz, Taylor Carson, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Ralph's World (children's music), 3 p.m., \$12. Evan Bliss, Shane Hines, Glass Bottom Boats, 7 p.m., \$10.

GALLERIES | HEAR YE, HEAR YE

YESTERDAY'S NEWS: Meticulously gathered, color-coded by subject and compiled into a demented but aesthetically pleasing installation/database, the New York Times headlines that make up A.J. Bocchino's "N.Y. Times Headlines (1990-2005)," at Hemphill Fine Art may no longer be relevant but if anything, they pack an even harder punch.

Kennedy Center: The Patuxent Partners, 6 p.m., free. Young Concert Artists: Jennifer Check, soprano, 2 p.m., \$30.

9:30: Story of the Year, From First to Last, Adair, 8:30 p.m., \$20.

Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini, & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Strathmore: Richard Spece, Alexander Paley and Scott McCallister, 3 p.m., \$26.

Warehouse Next Door: Criteria, Aberdeen City, ADHD, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Sight

America Oh, Yes! The folk art gallery showcases the rather creepy art of Sandi Mastroni: fantasy-inspired paintings of

cats, rabbits, people & more, ongoing.

1700 Connecticut Ave., 202-721-0043.

American University Museum at the Katzen: The work of the university's studio faculty, political cartoons by Ibero-American artists, both through March 12. 4000 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-3634.

Anne C. Fisher Gallery: Bodies of Work: Photographer Adrienne Mills' nude photos blur the line between reality and fantasy. PostSecret: anonymously submitted secrets, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: Aliza Olmet: Tikkun, through Jan. 30. 16th & Q streets; 202-518-9400.

Charles Sumner School Museum and

Archives: Adolf Cluss, influential D.C. architect, through Feb. 28. 1201 17th St. NW; 202-442-6060.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art: Sam Gilliam: A Retrospective, through Jan. 22. Warhol Legacy, through Feb. 20. Picturing the Banjo, through March 6. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center: In Memory D. Thompson, poems created by rubbing text on headstones in Congressional Cemetery, through Jan. 22. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

Flashpoint: Assimilation/Dissolution, Jefferson Pinder, Christopher Hoeting and City Paper art critic Jeffry Cudlin's collaborative, mixed-media exploration of gen-

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**What's in Store:**

The Year in Preview issue looks at 2006's best festivals, exhibits, performances and more. | *Cover*

→ Also, a new chef in charge of Dupont Grille; winter birdwatching in bare skies; reviews of all the latest movies.

trification, through Feb. 25. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare for Children, many of the ways kids have been introduced to Shakespeare over the past several hundred years, through May 13. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Interface: A group exhibit examines technology and contemporary art, through Feb. 8. 7700
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Express' crack team of bourbon tasters headed to the **BOURBON's** new Adams Morgan location to imbibe amid the city's largest assembly of bourbon. While the aforementioned Makers Mark and the highly regarded Woodford Reserve are always safe bets, if you want to explore a little more, here are five bourbons to try.

Jefferson Reserve

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Sam Houston

While the much-lauded Texan hero was born in Virginia and lived at one time in Tennessee, the bour-

bon distilled in his honor is from Bardstown, Ky. One of our tasters detected a hint of honey among Sam's vanilla and caramel flavors.

Elijah Craig, 18 Year

Our tasters declared Elijah Craig the favorite of the evening with its smoky, complex flavors. It's the world's oldest single-barreled bourbon at 18 years. And that extra time in the barrel makes this Elijah Craig more complex than his 12-year-old brother, though he's OK, too.

Black Maple Hill, 11 Year

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GLUTTONY

Meat Is the Over-Arching Theme at Fogo de Chao

Vegetarians should just skip to the next paragraph. **FOGO DE CHAO**, the new Brazilian chairrascara restaurant, takes every kind of meat it can, roasts it and then proceeds to stuff you with it. While you might at first decry the salad bar as a waste of



RESTAURANT WEEK, PART II: The Bethesda location of Austin Grill is one of more than 30 restaurants in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area that will be participating.

valuable stomach space, it's tough not to enjoy it, especially since this is a restaurant that maintains that mozzarella, smoked salmon and prosciutto are a legitimate part of a "salad bar." When the meat starts coming (and it continues to come while you leave the disc near your plate on the green side — flip it to red when you need to breathe and/or explode), some cuts shine, while others do a great disservice to the animal they once were. Beef is uniformly strong (speak up as to your preference; servers will search for a piece on their skewer that suits you), linguica sausages are excel-

lent and bacon-wrapped chicken is phenomenal. Avoid the pork and lamb: one pork loin was so overcooked as to be inedible, while an order of lamb chops was still baa-ing. For those who love meat — or just have a cardiologist friend they'd like to give some business to — Fogo de Chao is more than just a gimmick in gaucho pants. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**
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→ 1014 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-393-4430. (McPherson Square)

Help! My best friend is in town for the week and she is dying to eat somewhere that has belly-danc-

ing. Is there anywhere that we can see belly-dancing, enjoy good food and not spend more than \$30 per person?

Head to Taste of Morocco in Silver Spring, which features belly-danc-

"Actually, [Local 16] has significantly improved since my review."

ing every night, around 7:30 p.m.

→ 8661 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md.; 301-588-4003. (Silver Spring)

I am supposed to meet some friends for dinner at Local 16 on U Street. I read your review of the restaurant. Have you been back there since writ-

ing the review? And if so, are your opinions still the same?

Actually, the restaurant has significantly improved since my review. I'd definitely consider it for a moderately-priced night away from the home kitchen.

→ 1602 U St. NW; 202-265-2828. (U St.-Cardozo)

I have heard that Shula's is a great steak place. Have you been there? Let me preface my response by telling you that the menu there is printed on ... a football. In other words there are other — more serious — places for a steak dinner.

→ 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW; 202-828-7762. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Contemporary Portraits, realist paintings comprise the solo debut of 2004 Georgetown International Fine Arts Competition winner Bruce Erickson, opening reception Fri. at 6 p.m., through Feb. 15. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Imperial Costumes From Ottoman Turkey, through Jan. 22. Gold, the Asian Touch, through Feb. 19. Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom, a site-specific installation, through March 5. Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th St. SW; 202-633-4880.

Fusebox: Vesna Pavlovic's surprising pho-



There's a Killer At the Keys

→ **LOCK UP THE GUNS**, the pills, the Rolls. Quarantine any and all nubile teens and dress your bass player in Kevlar — Jerry Lee's in town. The sole survivor of Sun's Million Dollar Quartet, keyboard demon and dangerous man Jerry Lee Lewis tears it up again. Actually Lewis' hell-raising days are largely behind him. In March, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer drops his new album, "The Pilgrim," featuring guest appearances by everybody from Mick and Bruce to Willie and Merle. At 70, the Killer could just be hitting his stride. Kick out the bench and boogie at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; Fri., 8 p.m.; \$50-125; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor-Strathmore) **GLENN DIXON**

century photos of London society women dressed as Greek and Roman goddesses. Yevonde also did advertising photos for Christie's, Daimler and others, opening reception Fri. at 6 p.m., through Feb. 25. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

National Air and Space Museum:

World War II Aviation, Golden Age of Flight, Beyond the Limits, Space Flight, many more, ongoing. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

National Archives: The Way We Worked, photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, through Jan. 29. Investigating Where We Live, photographs, poems and stories explore three D.C. neighborhoods, through Feb. 19. Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights from the museum's permanent collection. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: The Prints of Felix Buhot: Impressions of City and Sea, through Feb. 20. Winslow Homer, through Feb. 20. Monumental Sculpture in Florence: restored 15th-century works by Ghiberti, di Banco and del Verrocchio, through Feb. 26. Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, through Feb. 28. Audubon's Dream Realized, through March 26. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-357-5300.

LAST CHANCE National Geographic Society: Wide Angle, a selection of photos of landscapes as seen from far above, the photos are also collected in a new NGS book, through Jan. 25. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of American History: Azúcar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, Ray Charles: "The Genius," both through Sept. 4. Disneyland: The First 50 Years, the American Industrial Revolution, the Star-Spangled Banner and others, ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Ancient Columbian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through April 23. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of Women in the Arts: Monica Castillo: The Painter and the Body, the Mexican artist incorporates herself in her work, through Jan. 22. Selections from Maria Merian's 1719 book "Dissertation in Insect Generations and Metamorphosis in Surinam," through Jan. 29. Last II Days, Sue Coe's charcoal drawings of her dying mother, through March 19. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

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Numark Gallery: David Shapiro's meditative paintings are heavily influenced by Eastern thought, through Feb. 18. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

Phillips Collection: More than 2,000 abstract impressionist works, ongoing. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Spectrum Gallery: Gallery founder June Carlough's paintings and monotypes focus on water and ice, reception Sat. at 3 p.m., through Feb. 12. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

Textile Museum: Rozome Masters of Japan, through Feb. 12. Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Touchstone Gallery: Papisco Kudzi, through Feb. 5. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

U.S. Botanic Garden: Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden, featuring hundreds of orchids, including endangered species, opens Sat., through April 2. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

Washington Studio School: A memorial exhibition of beloved abstract painter and art professor Katy Murray's work, through Jan. 29. 4505 Stanford St., Chevy Chase; 301-718-7210.

Zenith Gallery: Artists of New York Avenue, through Jan. 27. Dimensions, women

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Musical: The autobio-alt-rockers sing the story of their lives, through Jan. 26, \$28-\$39. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497.

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Dance: 8 p.m., \$25. George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 800-551-7328.

Capers: Anu Yadav plays many characters and documents a community's struggle to preserve public housing in Southeast D.C., through Feb. 5, \$10. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1340

Damn Yankees: The musical about a Washington Senators fan's deal with the devil, through Feb. 5, \$59-\$64. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

Death of a Salesman: Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning rumination on the American Dream and its collateral damages, through Feb. 18, \$25. Church Street Theater, 1740 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202.

An Empty Plate in the Café du Grand

Boeuf: In the Washington Stage Guild's latest offering, a gourmand maintains Paris' finest restaurant for himself alone, until his heart is broken and he decides to starve to death. The best part? This is a comedy, through Feb. 5, \$30-\$35. 1901 14th St. NW.

An Experiment with an Air Pump:

Journeymen Theater's dark comedy about two groups of scientists — one from 1799, the other 1999, through Jan. 28, \$20. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 South Clark St., Arlington; 202-248-2295.

Fat Pig: A trim man falls for a corpulent woman in Neil LaBute's social satire, through Feb. 4, \$32-\$40. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY The Good

Body with Eve Ensler: The author of "The Vagina Monologues" takes this one-woman show of insecurity and body



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➔ **THEY'RE DELICATE,** mercurial, temperamental. They seem to blossom or wither according not to an admirer's tender ministrations but to caprice. They are, of course, orchids. (Shame on you for thinking, "Chicks, man.") The annual United States Botanic Garden Orchid Show bursts into bloom on Saturday with the theme, "Orchids in an Art Deco Garden." Hundreds of gorgeous blooms star in displays exhibiting the chic and sophistication of Deco. In addition to the daunting professional displays and rare or endangered species, the show will feature orchids that home gardeners can grow with care, attention and the occasional diamond tennis bracelet. U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW; opens Sat., through April 2; 202-225-8333. (Capitol South)

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image on the road, through Sun., \$39-\$45. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; 800-551-7328.

Howie the Rookie: Irish contemporary arts organization Solas Nua presents Mark O'Rowe's brutal, award-winning thriller, through Feb. 5, \$20. Warehouse Theater, 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Jane Franklin

Dance: The Arlington dance company performs three different pieces this weekend. One focuses on jazz, another on local seniors, the third on the American Civil War, \$25. Rachel Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria; 703-298-3235.

Lift: Icarus and Me: In this new musical, the offspring of Icarus is — plausibly — named Lenny. Lenny, Daedalus and Atlanta live in 1899 amongst Texas' dunes, listening to ragtime and dreaming of flight, through Feb. 5, \$25-\$30. Theater of the First Amendment, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 888-945-2468.

The Marriage of Figaro: The Las Vegas Version: Mozart's opera, set in '60s Vegas, promises to be wacky, through Jan. 28, \$36. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-518-0152.

Measure For Measure: Shakespeare's eternal comedy about the personal failings of those who presume to police morality, through Feb. 26, \$25-\$43. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

LAST CHANCE Les Misérables: The popular musical adapted from Victor Hugo's epic novel about the French Revolution, through Jan. 21, \$36-\$83. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 800-551-7328.

Monkeyboy: Charter Theater's comedy about a cockatoo whose presence ruins its owners' lives, through Jan. 29, \$20-

\$25. National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in Georgetown, 1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-7009.

Mozart's Leading Ladies: A new opera/musical celebrates Mozart's 250th birthday by combining his music with that of D.C. playwright Allyson Currin, and depicting a group of divas who become Mozart characters after wandering into a strange opera house, through Jan. 28, \$33. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-518-0152.

Nevermore: The premier of a dark musical based on Poe's work and biography, through Feb. 26, \$39-\$55. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500.

Oscar Rousseaux & Ashe Moyubba Folkloric Ensemble: Afro-Cuban drumming and dance, Sat., 8 p.m. & Sun., 4 p.m., \$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600.

Spoon River Anthology: The American Century Theater presents this enduring portrait of life in a small American town, through Jan. 28, \$23-\$29. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Swan Lake: The National Ballet of Canada join with the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra to present Tchaikovsky's dream world of magic, \$29-\$84. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

You Can't Take It With You: A rich man's son meets a family of charming eccentrics, through Jan. 28, 8 p.m., \$14. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean; 800-551-7328.

FRIDAY ONLY Suzanne Westenhoefer: The lesbian comedian has a load of new material, 7:30 p.m., \$27.50. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

NOT '8 MILE: The dark comedy "Howie the Rookie," now playing at D.C. Arts Center, features two monologues that narrate the same events from very different perspectives. Mark O'Rowe's play involves an honor feud — and Siamese fighting fish — among Dublin's down-and-out. It has picked up a continual stream of accolades since it was first performed in 1999.

Nightlifeagenda

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

THURSDAY

New York's the Witnesses have got the looks — trashy-glam chic, with the five members covering all the bases from small pants to big hair — but do they got the licks? Yes. It helps that the Witnesses don't play the same post-punk dance-rock everyone else does. The look matches the sound, which blasts its way through riffy, glam-inspired rock that also has some hints of the Stones — both the Rolling and Sly & the Family varieties. Dead Meadow's Jason Simon opens this show on the **BLACK CAT**'s backstage.

FRIDAY

Dropping temperatures and blustery winds usually mean the end for rooftop bars — unless we're talking about **TABAQ BISTRO**. The U Street restaurant and lounge is topped with a retractable glass canopy, allowing for panoramas of the city no matter what Mother Nature dishes out. Check it out tonight for the Red Skies party, which will attract a very Euro crowd — Tabac will offer Russian beer specials in addition to its large martini menu — for dancing to house and hip-hop. Admission is \$5 for women and \$10 for men when you RSVP to www.redskiesparty.com and arrive before midnight.

The DNB Liberation Front stops by **CUBIK** tonight. Seven top American drum 'n' bass DJs (don't sleep on Mason or Vector Burn) and MCs Sharpness and Armani Reign take the stage with "four CDJs, three computers, three keyboards, two drum sets, two turntables and two microphones." We don't know what's going to happen, but we're pretty sure it's going to be sick. Some guy named Scott Henry is rocking the main room. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the night.

SATURDAY

The mystique of the **EIGHTEENTH STREET LOUNGE** has always relied on its discreet location, a door policy that changes with the bouncer's mood and excellent downtempo and electronica from DJs affiliated with the lounge's founders, the acclaimed Thievery Corporation. Thievery are no longer involved with the club, so it's a real treat to have Thievery's Eric Hilton take over the turntables tonight. Hilton's wide-



GLAM SLAM: The Witnesses, proof that New York is still churning out trash-rock.



Thievery Corporation's Eric Hilton, right, comes home to 18th St. Saturday.

ranging DJ sets promise this will be an evening to remember. Lounge co-founder (and current proprietor) Farid kicks off the night at 9:30 p.m. If you don't know the deal:

Soul singer Eric Roberson is that cat you don't know, but you know. After having an early taste of the major-label drama coming right out of Howard University, he made a detour into writing for others and built a solid career penning hits for some of modern soul's biggest names, including Musiq Soulchild and Jill Scott. Roberson's now coming up on his fourth solo release. Opening for him at the **BLACK CAT** tonight is Washington's own multi-talented musician-thespian-producer W. Ellington Felton, who has collaborated frequently with Roberson.

New Year's Eve isn't all fun and games, especially if you're one of the unlucky bartenders or serv-

ers who winds up handing out the "free-flowing champagne" instead of imbibing it. The idea of a Slackers' New Year's Eve Party started with the folks who were working on Dec. 31 or couldn't (or didn't want to) deal with the event, but still wanted to get in on the party. Tonight at **CLARENDON BALLROOM**, Arlington's young professionals get one more chance to, you know, party like it's 2005. Dewey Beach fixtures Kristen and the Noise headline, LRS and Hugh & Smilin' Rob open, and DJ Pat Premier is spinning on the lower level. Even the cover charge is New Year's Eve-esque: a steep \$15. (Save \$5 if you bring a children's book, which will be donated to the charity Stop Child Abuse Now.)

SUNDAY

D.C. was once referred to as the bluegrass capital of the world. There are fewer chances to hear that high, lonesome sound these days — especially with WAMU now ignoring the music — so we'll savor the chances we get. **JV'S**, our favorite little circa-1947 roadhouse, is hosting a special show by guitarist/mandolin player Andrew Acosta and the New Old-Time String Band. Get your bluegrass fix from 5 to 8 p.m. (there's no cover), and stick around for the swing and jump blues of saxophonist Joe Stanley and the Joe Stanley Band.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2006

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HAPPY ENDING:
A CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

Since it seems that those with round eyes just loooove all things Asian, Cubik is pleased to present it's very first Chinese New Year Party. Get into the spirit of things and dress the part! Caps, jackets, those funny conical hats and things with engrish are all encouraged and welcome. Come and get your Chinese on at Happy Ending: A Chinese New Year Party!

Disclaimer: this text was written by an actual Chinese person who used to have a green card. boh.

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